

THE NOE VALLEY VOICE

Cause of Alvarado Cancer Still Up in the Air

By Kathy Dalle-Molle

Results of a long-awaited Health Department study on the possible link between the "abnormally high" cancer rate among Alvarado School staff members and their exposure to electromagnetic fields at the site will be available early this month, according to Alvaro Garza, chief of non-infectious epidemiology at the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

Requests to conduct such a study date back to 1989, when then-Alvarado principal Rose Barragan expressed concern to school district officials about the high incidence of cancer-related deaths among Alvarado teachers.

At the time, Barragan knew of seven deaths and seven cancer-related illnesses, including breast cancer and uterine tumors, occurring at the school from 1978 to 1989. In the past three years, two more deaths and four more cancer-related illnesses among the staff have occurred.

Many staff members believed that the seemingly high number of cancer cases might be attributable to the electromagnetic fields (known as EMF) surrounding the transmitters and 12,000-volt power lines near several classrooms and the school's entrance at 625 Douglass St.

However, in September of 1991, an evaluation by an electrical engineer from Citizens Concerned About Electromagnetic Fields, a group centered in San



Employees at Alvarado School on Douglass Street (the three-story building in the center of the photo) are awaiting a report on the cancer risk, if any, associated with electromagnetic fields both inside and outside the school. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD.

Ramon, Calif., found the fields at their strongest point to be well below 1 milligauss.

A similar evaluation, conducted by PG&E officials three months later, found outside spot measurements ranging from .29 milligauss to 2.37 milligauss. Ac-

cording to most experts, readings below 2 milligauss do not present a health hazard.

Concerns over possible health hazards from exposure to electromagnetic radia-

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Wagner Is The Muse For Artist's Life Work

By B. L. Green

Cal Pedranti is currently painting a portrait of Richard Wagner. But in his case, that's not surprising.

Over the past half a century, Pedranti has painted more than 200 works inspired by his love for the 19th-century German composer's music.

"What has sustained me has been my lifelong passion for Wagner," says the 71-year-old artist. Pedranti's devotion is immediately visible when you enter the living room of his 27th Street Victorian, one wall of which is dominated by a head-and-shoulders portrait of the man whose operas have been described as the crowning flower of the German romantic tradition in music.

"I feel lucky to have had that," says Pedranti. "I can't just paint seascapes or flowers and boring people. I have to have something that lifts me out of the ordinary."

His love of Wagner's operatic outpour-



Artist Cal Pedranti tries to spend some of each day perfecting his Wagner opus in the basement studio of his house on 27th Street. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD.

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If Budget Okayed

Adult Books To Be Stripped From Noe Valley Library

By Janet Jacobs

It was a dark and stormy night... and in the Noe Valley Library there wasn't a single adult novel on the shelves.

This dreary scenario could be played out in July, if San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan accepts the public library's latest budget cuts for the coming fiscal year.

Under a plan approved by the city's Library Commission Feb. 2, the Noe Valley Sally Brunn Branch at 451 Jersey St. would be a mere shadow of its former self. All adult services would be eliminated, and hours of operation would be reduced 50 percent.

As part of a radical restructuring of neighborhood branch services, the Noe Valley Library would be paired with another neighborhood branch (most likely the Eureka Library on 16th Street) and would be open two or three days a week for seven hours a day. The seven hours would include one or two evenings, but no Saturdays.

In addition, Noe Valley would lose its Adult Services librarian, and the branch would be stripped of its adult book collection.

Furthermore, adult reference materials, general information assistance, and reserve services would no longer be avail-

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EUCALYPTUS TREE

By Francis Furey

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on Billy Goat Hill
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Francis Furey has lived in Glen Park
for over 10 years. He is currently
writing a novel—a murder mystery
set in San Francisco.

L E T T E R S 29¢



Bernie Ward Misjudges Potrero Hill

Editor:

KGO radio talk show host Bernie Ward apparently does not know or understand the people of Potrero Hill.

In last month's profile by Andrea Alban Gosline ["Bernie Ward Brings Fire & Brimstone to the Air Waves"], Mr. Ward claims that if he were mayor of San Francisco, he would tell Potrero Hill residents who oppose the new Giants' stadium, "That's very nice of you to do that, but, hy the way, there will be no city services in your neighborhood for a while. We have to work together as a city."

But that is exactly why we are opposed to the Giants' stadium at the several South of Market locations now being considered. A stadium at any one of these locations would not be good for the city. The city is too congested already. No consideration for parking is being made... the problems go on and on.

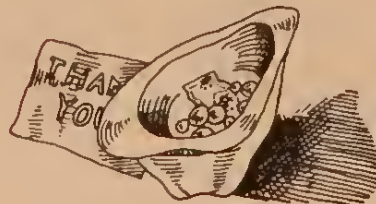
Mr. Ward presumes that Potrero Hill residents care only about "the Hill." He's totally wrong. He should get to know us. We care deeply about our city.

Rose Marie Ostler
Carolina Street

In order to take on this project, the Neighbors will need a committee of responsible individuals to help with the numerous tasks it would entail.

If you can help, please call Doug Martin at 821-3300 or Janice Gendreau at 641-5989. The Neighbors have tentatively scheduled the event for mid-May.

Janice Gendreau
Upper Noe Neighbors
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San Francisco, CA 94131



Police Have a Handle on Panhandling

Editor:

The recent exchange in your *Letters* section regarding Officer Lois Perillo's conduct in the "Gary the Panhandler" case—as well as Officer Perillo's February column on the definition of aggressive panhandling—were both very interesting.

Officer Perillo and Sgt. Steve Johnson should be congratulated on their stand on panhandling in Noe Valley. Since aggressive panhandling is illegal, let us commend them for a job well done.

We need more Mission Station police who uphold the standard that is acceptable to the majority.

Peter Niland
Twenty-sixth Street

City Should Buy O'Shaughnessy Hollow

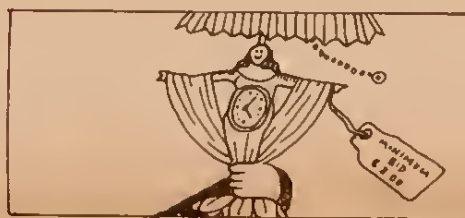
Dear Noe Valley Neighbor:

O'Shaughnessy Hollow, a 2½-acre parcel on the west side of O'Shaughnessy Boulevard (bordering Glen Canyon Park), is one of the last untouched natural areas containing native plant and animal life in San Francisco.

Recently, the Recreation and Park Department's Open Space Committee allocated \$427,000 from its Natural Area Banking Fund, and asked the city's Real Estate Department to acquire the parcel.

Because an impasse was reached with the owner of the property, the Open Space Committee recommended that the city use its power of eminent domain to acquire the parcel. But eight votes from the Board of Supervisors and approval by Mayor Frank Jordan are required for the city to exercise eminent domain.

We, of the Committee for the Preserva-



Speak Up If You Know How to Run a Silent Auction

Dear Noe Valley Residents:

The group Upper Noe Neighbors is trying to organize a Neighborhood Flea Market in conjunction with a "silent auction" as a fundraiser for the Noe Valley Ministry, at 1021 Sanchez St.

Upper Noe Neighbors has undertaken flea markets in the past with great success, raising as much as \$2,800 in one day. But holding an auction, where individuals or groups donate items and services that are auctioned off to the highest bidder, would be a new endeavor for us and one we are hoping will bring in a lot more funds for the church's building renovation.

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tion of Glen Canyon Park, encourage all our Miraloma, Glen Park, and Noe Valley neighbors to call or write the mayor and Board of Supervisors, urging them to vote for acquisition of the O'Shaughnessy Hollow open space parcel. Mayor Jordan's number is 554-6141; and Board President Angela Alioto can be reached at 554-7788 or 554-5184 (the general number for all supervisors). Their address is City Hall, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Please help us save this precious natural area!

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No More Books For Grownups At Local Branch

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able at the Noe Valley Branch. Neighborhood adults to trek to the Main Branch (to be open only 35 hours a week), or to one of six remaining resource branches—Mission, Excelsior, Richmond, Chinatown, Sunset, and West Portal—for library service.

The Noe Valley Branch would instead become a children's library, staffed by a children's librarian and providing books and programming targeted at kids and teenagers. (Noe Valley residents should note that even the children's staff and services would have been on the chopping block, had it not been for funding mandated by Proposition J, the "Children's Amendment" passed in 1991.)

"The plan saves the department \$1.5 million, which is what the mayor's office requested," said Neel Parikh, chief of branch libraries. "The Library Commission has approved the plan, and it is now in the mayor's office."

But if local library patrons have their way, that's exactly where the proposal will wither and die.

"This is deplorable," said Army Street resident Miriam Blaustein, upon learning of the cutbacks.

"The emphasis of the present library administration is on the technology of gathering information. But information does not equal knowledge," Blaustein said.

"We're depersonalizing our method of gaining knowledge, and not meeting the needs of people who want to hold a book in their hands."

Blaustein added that the neighborhood organization Friends of Noe Valley was gearing up—for the second year in a row—to fight to spare the branches. To



The Noe Valley Library, at 451 Jersey St., has been a comfortable, close-by resource for neighborhood residents such as Jane Adams, who freelances for the Chicago Tribune and Boston Globe. But with a threatened cut in services, Adams and other adults may have to do their research elsewhere. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

get on the bandwagon, call her at 648-0992.

According to Mary Louise Stong, co-founder of the Friends of the San Francisco Library, the group Keep Libraries Alive will be joining the Friends in mounting a full-scale campaign against the cuts.

"The library is suffering a smaller and smaller percent of the city budget," Stong asserts. "In 1987, the library budget was eight-tenths of one percent of the general fund. Last year we got less than six-tenths of one percent."

Stong reminds readers that it's not over until it's over. "The mayor is going to hold budget hearings, and we need to turn out the forces at those budget hearings. People from all city departments will be there, and we have to have the voice of the library there too." Stong also suggests that residents write letters to the mayor and send copies to the Friends of the Library, Main Library, Civic Center, San Francisco, CA 94102.

(The dates for the public hearings on the budget will be set when Jordan returns from his trip to Asia. For an update on meeting times, Stong advises library advocates to call the Friends of the Library at 557-4257.)

Meanwhile, new service cuts for the current budget recently went into effect. Through June 1993, the library system will be closing its doors an additional Friday per month.

During last year's budget crisis, the public library was spared the ax as a result of pressure from Keep Libraries Alive's "Find the Funds" campaign. But the 1992-93 library budget was dependent on money from the state. When the city received less than expected, the library was forced to make adjustments. Hence, the system-wide closings.

March 12, April 16, May 28, and June 18 are the slated Friday shutdowns. Like other branches, the Noe Valley Library, which is normally open Tuesday through Saturday, will be closed those Fridays. □

Library Flunks Earthquake Safety Test

By Janet Jacobs

More bad news for the Noe Valley Library. Not only do we face the collapse of services (see story, page 1), but we may also be in for a collapse of the building itself.

In a recent seismic assessment of the branch at 451 Jersey St., city engineers assigned the building their most serious hazard rating, saying it was subject to "partial or total collapse" in the event of a major earthquake (of magnitude 7.3 or greater).

"I almost fell off my chair," said Branch Librarian Roherta Greifer, upon hearing of the new rating in January. "I'm concerned for the safety of the patrons, and the safety of the staff."

The summary of the evaluation, conducted in late 1992 by the Department of Public Works as part of the city's Earthquake Safety Program, concludes that "there is a high potential for partial collapse and that seismic strengthening is required to mitigate the substantial risk to life safety" at the library building, a 1916 structure with classical terra cotta detail on the front.

"We assign a Seismic Hazard Rating of 4," the report continues. (The scale runs from 1 to 4.) "This is due in large part to the high potential for the south wing roof to collapse, given the failure of the unreinforced masonry walls. The building's general lack of capacity to resist lateral loads, coupled with the complete lack of connections between the roof diaphragm and the resisting walls, support this rating."

According to DPW Project Manager George White, "A number of criteria are used to decide which buildings to assess: the age of the building, the high occupancy and public use rate, and whether they're unreinforced masonry buildings."

White acknowledged that the Noe Valley Library received a better grade—a rating of 3—in a pre-1988 assessment, "but this new evaluation employed a more stringent methodology," he said. Therefore, the assessment should be more accurate.

The Noe Valley Branch is among 78 city structures being assessed as part of the latest phase of the Earthquake Safety Program. Following the seismic ratings, the structures will be evaluated for disabled access, asbestos removal, and facility preservation—the nuts and bolts of upkeep. The final report, including estimates for the cost of repairs, will wind its way through the city bureaucracy and eventually end up before the voters as a bond measure. If passed, the city will begin renovation of the buildings.

However, Neel Parikh, chief of branch libraries, notes that the Noe Valley Branch is currently slated for renovation in June of 1995. □

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tion have been debated throughout the world for decades. Some studies have reported that people living close to power lines—as well as those who are regularly exposed to electrical devices such as hair dryers, cellular phones, and video display terminals—show an increased risk of childhood leukemia, brain tumors, and some adult cancers. Until two Swedish studies were released in September 1992, though, the results of these reports have been ambiguous at best.

The Swedish studies—one residential and the other occupational—are the largest and most detailed ever conducted on the effects of electromagnetic fields on human populations. And they are the first to show that the risks of cancer, although small, increase in direct proportion to levels of exposure to EMF. The residential study, conducted by Stockholm's Karolinska Institute, showed as much as a fourfold increase in risk among children who live near power lines.

Since late last year, several TV news shows, including CBS's *Street Stories* and ABC's *Good Morning America*, have broadcast segments related to EMF and the Swedish studies. In December, *The New Yorker* ran an in-depth article on Louis N. Slater Elementary School in Fresno, Calif., which is grappling with an unusually large number of teachers who have developed cancer after working on the side of the school nearest high-voltage power lines.

Last fall, Simon & Schuster published *Warning: The Electricity Around You May Be Hazardous to Your Health*, by Ellen Sugarman. Sugarman enumerates the Alvarado case, along with many other allegedly EMF-related incidents around the country.

Locally, television station KRON ran a report on its Feb. 3 evening news program about the Mill Valley School District's

plans to spend \$50,000 on reducing electromagnetic fields by rewiring and correcting improper electrical connections at its schools.

But despite the widespread news coverage, little action has been taken regarding Alvarado, says Sandra Leigh, principal at the school since February of last year. Leigh was originally told by Health Department officials that the report on Alvarado would be released by the end of 1992.

"The idea that people are still getting cancer and the Health Department has yet to report on their findings is very confusing to me," she says. "I don't understand why they've waited so long. Rose Barragan expected something to be done by 1990.

"There have been some angry eruptions among teachers about being located in a classroom on the Douglass Street side of the school," she continues. "People are left wondering if their lives are in danger because they have to teach in a particular classroom. And we can't answer those questions yet."

The Health Department's Garza attributes the delay to "holidays and vacations and the state's request for some changes in the analysis. It also took longer than expected to get certain personnel information we needed from the school district," he said.

In the view of Marc Norton, a 29th Street resident and a parent of an Alvarado third-grader, the lag also stems from the San Francisco Unified School District's lackadaisical attitude. "The school district hasn't put pressure on anybody to get this done," said Norton. "The people at Alvarado are the ones that have put all the pressure on the state."

Last month San Francisco Unified School District environmental officials Hilda Beck and Bruce Giannini did not return repeated calls from the *Voice*. Arlen Siert, the school district's industrial

hygienist who participated in PG&E's check-up on Alvarado, was out of town and thus unavailable for comment.

The one district health administrator who did return our calls commented, "I've read about cancer clusters in the newspaper, but I don't know what's going on in the district. I thought you called to get a quote about condoms in the schools. That's what most reporters call me for lately."

Once the Health Department study does become available this month, people may still be left with more questions than answers. For instance, why does the current study focus solely on Alvarado staff, especially when most research, including the residential Swedish study, indicates that children are more susceptible to cancer than adults?

Although a study of children in Noe and Eureka valleys conducted in 1989 concluded that a "cancer cluster," which appeared in the early 1980s, was most likely a statistical anomaly, most children attending Alvarado do not live in these neighborhoods and were therefore not a part of the study.

In addition, while the December 1991 evaluation of EMF by PG&E representatives showed that 201 of the 211 spot measurements taken during the session were below 2 milligauss, the report nonetheless raised many questions about how to deal with the 10 high-ranking items. Several pencil sharpeners at the school measured over 1,000 milligauss; fish tank pumps and motors measured up to 250 milligauss; and computers up to 84 milligauss, for example.

"The PG&E report raised a lot of questions," says Leigh. "But what do we do about them? Should we get rid of some of this equipment? Who is there to give us advice?"

In November of 1991, the *Voice* reported that Dr. Eva Glazer, an epidemiologist with the Cancer Surveillance Section

of the State Department of Health Services in Sacramento had agreed to compile an evaluation on the expected vs. observed number of adult and child cancer victims over the past decade in Noe and Eureka Valley census tracts. At the time, she said her study would be completed by January of 1992.

Reached at her Sacramento office last month, Glazer told the *Voice*, "I haven't done anything on the matter yet. There is simply a very large backlog of cases and only minimal staff to get the work done. We do evaluations based on the need to do them and pressure from the community to get them done."

Nevertheless, Glazer said she planned to have a finished report on the two areas by April 30.

She added, however, "The area has already been evaluated for childhood cancer, and the results did not seem significantly excessive. In fact, in most of these cases, what seems to be an excess [doesn't turn out to be] one at all."

Norton responds that "yes, you can certainly find cancer clusters in the state that are statistically bigger than the one that might be in Noe Valley. I understand that that should be the state's focus of concern."

"But if you live in this area and your kids are here, this is a very important issue. Maybe there really isn't a problem, but all the delays by the Health Department and school district are doing is causing people to worry even more." □



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Pedranti Paints Rings Around Richard Wagner

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ing, especially *Tristan and Isolde*, *Parsifal*, and *The Ring of the Nibelung*, has produced results that are anything but ordinary. Pedranti is a prolific artist, with exhibits in Southern California and at the Seattle Opera House. His paintings, done in both oil and acrylics, are representational, but impressionistic in style.

Pedranti was honored here five years ago when the San Francisco Opera produced Wagner's soaring tetralogy *The Ring*. At the time, the Wagner Society of Northern California organized an exhibit of 20 of Pedranti's paintings, based on characters and dramatic moments from *The Ring*, at the San Francisco Mart downtown.

But according to Pedranti, the zenith of his career was a journey to the very heart of Wagnerian culture in 1953. That year he traveled to Bayreuth in Bavaria, West Germany, where in 1876 Wagner established a theater to stage his works, and where every year a Wagner festival is held.

Far from being greeted at the festival as just another tourist, Pedranti was warmly welcomed by Wagner's descendants. It seems his paintings had already attracted their attention. The family had liked them so much, in fact, that they had featured reproductions of Pedranti's work in that season's official festival program.

Moreover, Pedranti got to meet Wieland Wagner, the composer's grandson, who during the 1950s was directing the festival and modernizing the staging of Wagner's works.

"Wieland was a genius unto himself," says Pedranti, still in awe decades later. "He is responsible for transforming Wagnerian opera by bringing it into modern times. In fact, he's had immense impact on all opera, not just Wagner's works."

To Pedranti, Wieland was a warm host, giving him backstage privileges and inviting him to inscribe his name in the festival's famous "Golden Book" of visitors. On the page opposite the signature of conductor Arturo Toscanini, a thrilled Pedranti signed himself in.

Besides Wieland Wagner, Pedranti rubbed elbows with other notables. Among them was Friedelind Wagner, the composer's granddaughter and Wieland's sister. Upon seeing her, Pedranti said he felt as if he were meeting the composer himself, their profiles were so alike.

He also spotted the English writer W. Somerset Maugham. "Thank God someone knows who I am," replied the author of *In Human Bondage*, when Pedranti approached and asked for an autograph. "I've been here two days and have gone almost unrecognized."

Notorious figures also crossed Pedranti's path. He saw people once connected to Adolf Hitler's Third Reich, including Friedelind's mother, Winifred Wagner—the composer's daughter-in-law, and the widow of his only son, Siegfried.

Pedranti describes Winifred Wagner as having been an avid supporter and perhaps even a lover of Hitler's. He notes with chagrin and sadness that it was Frau Winifred who, in the 1930s and '40s after Siegfried died, assumed control of the festival and worked diligently to Nazify the event. She banned Jews from attending or performing at the festival, Pedranti says, and likewise forbade music by Jewish composers.

His meeting with Winifred's daughter, Friedelind, was all the more poignant, Pedranti says, because he knew her story: she had incurred her mother's wrath by opposing the Nazis, and was forced to flee Germany for her own safety—first escaping to Switzerland and later to England. Friedelind did not return to Bayreuth until 1953, after Winifred had been stripped of her authority over the festival



On the 110th anniversary (to the day) of Wagner's death, Cal Pedranti posed with pooches Fidi and Little Bit in front of his portrait of the composer. PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD

by post-World War II authorities.

At that time Wieland, who shared his sister's anti-Nazi sentiments, took charge of the festival. Only then, says Pedranti, did the event again reflect the sanity and love that he believes resonates throughout Wagner's work.

Pedranti heard many memorable musical performances while at the festival, and met opera stars of international stature. He also visited Wagner's grave. "That visit was, for me, the most awesome sight of all—just knowing that a few feet away lay the mortal remains of the man who, to me, is a god," Pedranti wrote in a 1992 memoir for the Wagner Society.

"Going to Bayreuth," he says now, "was like going to Mecca for a Moslem. I was in heaven—Valhalla, in fact. It was a culmination in my life."

In the 40 years since the Bayreuth visit, Pedranti has continued painting and exhibiting. He works nearly every day in his studio at home, and most recently finished a full-figure portrait of Wagner composing on his feet at a lectern, his customary mode of working. The painting is 6 feet tall, not an unusual size for a Pedranti work. One painting that was displayed in the San Francisco Opera's *Ring* exhibit is 12 feet long.

"When you say Wagnerian, you say big," laughs Pedranti, who paints on a grid that contains thousands of small squares. He works on one square at a time, and some of his water-based acrylic paintings (he abandoned oils a few years ago because of the strong fumes) have taken as long as two years to complete.

But all of his paintings have been labors of love. "I've never painted to sell," he says. "I've supported myself instead by working as a painting restorer and gold leaf finisher."

Pedranti's passion for Wagner stems from an epiphany he experienced more than 50 years ago.

In 1939, while a high school student in his hometown of San Luis Obispo, he contracted tuberculosis and had to enter a sanitarium near Pasadena. There he was subjected to an extremely painful treatment—the forced collapse of his

lungs. He was in such pain, and so tightly hound, he says, that he couldn't even change the station on his bedside radio, which usually broadcast soap operas, cowboy music, and other popular fare. Fate, however, had a treat in store for him one day, in the form of a kind of music he'd never heard before.

"It happened to be a performance of Wagner's *Tannhäuser*, with [famed tenor] Lauritz Melchior," he recalls. "As the delicious strains of the overture swept over me like a magic opiate, I was lifted out of my pain into an ecstasy that I had never known before. I had no idea that anything so glorious as Wagner's music existed."

The music gave him the strength to fight his tubercular condition—"It saved my life," Pedranti maintains—and by the time he was an adult, he had completely recovered.

From that moment on, Pedranti became an ardent student of Wagner. He pestered nurses and friends for books on the composer. And when he returned to high school after three years of a bedridden existence, he took art classes and made Wagner his subject.

Although his art teachers complained that he "Wagnerized" everything, they liked his work enough to enter it in a national contest at the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles. He won a four-year scholarship there, and was then chastised by Chouinard instructors for trying to express the magic of one medium, music, in the form of another, painting. Pedranti, however, knew what his favorite composer was all about.

"Wagner is really a musical painter," he explains, "a tone painter. I began to use his concepts of composition in my art, the chromaticism I'd heard in *Tristan*, and the unique coloring in which Wagner seemed to bathe every character and scene of his operas, giving each, if you will, a leitmotif of its own."

"In the *Ring* there are vast contrasts, from mists and gloom, to elation, love, and brilliant light, using every mood conceivable. I took this as a way of painting, surrounding my figures with the inner light and color which I thought the drama

called for."

In addition to loving the musical artistry of the operas, Pedranti is also attracted to their story content. "Wagner's operas have so much mythology in them," he says. "I love mythology. There's more truth in it than in anything else."

During his art student days and afterwards, Pedranti continued living, working, and painting in Los Angeles. His paintings garnered shows and, all in all, it was a pleasant and productive time for him.

"I was kept out of the war because of my TB," he recalls. "L.A. in the '40s was very exciting. At Chouinard the classes were very small and very intellectual. L.A. itself had no smog then. It was wonderful."

After the war his feelings changed. L.A. mushroomed in size, the skies filled with pollution, and the populace grew more conservative. Moreover, by the 1960s, Pedranti's artistic career had taken a downward turn. His Wagnerian paintings, which had previously found an appreciative audience, were snubbed. Abstract painting was in, and everyone told him to adopt that form.

"I did," he says, "and sold about half of what I produced. But it wasn't me." Even a show of his new abstract work in his old hometown couldn't make him stick with the new style.

He returned to Wagnerian work, and eventually left L.A. for San Francisco, where he purchased his home in 1970. Since then he has continued to paint diligently, and to win some recognition, but at a price.

"I've never mingled much with other artists here," he notes ruefully. "When they discover how much I love Wagner, I get the Hitler thing." Many people automatically link Wagner and fascism, he explains, primarily because of Winifred Wagner's association with the Nazis, and Hitler's love for Wagnerian music.

"But music is not political," he counters. "Hitler liked other things, such as children and dogs, that we don't condemn today because he liked them." If anything, Pedranti observes, Wagner's music is the antithesis of fascism and militarism.

"Wagner was not militaristic, he hated military music," says Pedranti. "He was possessed by the idea of love. In his book the Nazis would be villains, the quintessence of the evil and greed he deplored."

The same defense, he notes, was eloquently offered a number of years ago by Friedelind in her autobiography, *Heritage of Fire*: "Wagner foresaw with prophetic clarity the drama and tragedy of our time. If Hitler had read the *Ring of the Nibelung* with understanding, he could have foreseen his own doom. Symbolically, in the *Ring*, he who uses the gold for his own aggrandizement comes to destruction."

"So long as the gold represented beauty it was a safe and lovely thing, but when Alberich forswore love and took the gold and fashioned the ring, he gathered unto himself power and enslaved others and set in motion the whole selfish pattern which we see repeated today [in fascist ideology]."

Condemned by his love for Wagner to a certain artistic isolation, and as a lifelong bachelor who has outlived friends and artistic associates from his younger days, Pedranti might be expected to harbor some resentment. But he's a bright, talkative man whose dark eyes flash with humor.

He's also a sociable sort, who frequently can be seen walking his two small dogs, Little Bit and Fidi (a nickname for Siegfried), and conversing with neighbors in the 27th and Sanchez Street area.

"I've always had a young spirit. I've tried to keep myself young. Besides," he adds, laughing, "I haven't led a very religious life. You can't lead your life by what the prudes tell you, people who lead narrow and restricted lives, never really experiencing all the glories of the great writers, philosophers, and musicians of intellectual world culture."

"I have passion," he exclaims, all but breaking into song. "And passion is what makes you an artist." □

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Rosa Rivera A Candidate for Achtenberg's Supervisor Slot

By Steve Steinberg

San Franciscans must band together to improve their quality of life. They can no longer look exclusively to government for solutions to what ails the city.

So says community activist Rosa Rivera, a Noe Valley resident considered to be one of Mayor Frank Jordan's prime candidates to replace outgoing San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg.

(Achtenberg has been nominated to become President Bill Clinton's assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity within the Department of Housing and Urban Development. She is awaiting confirmation by the U.S. Senate.)

Rivera, who lives on 27th Street, calls her brand of activism "communityism," and she recommends that everyone pitch in to make San Francisco a better place to live. Residents can have an impact, she says, "just by reporting crime to the police or picking up a piece of garbage off their street." In her view, it all adds up in the long run.

Rivera turned to her new self-help philosophy after participating for several years in various Mission District merchants associations and commissions. Gradually she came to realize that calling for more and more government handouts was one thing. But a fundamental question always remained: who is going to pay for new services? How are we going to raise revenues?

The answer is not to increase taxes, she believes, but to attract new business—particularly small-and medium-sized ventures—to San Francisco.

To accomplish this, Rivera says, San Franciscans must offer tax breaks and other financial concessions to businesses willing to locate here. We must also "showcase" the city, by making it an attractive, clean, and secure place in which to live and work.

In recent years, rising crime and the neglect of public amenities have not only discouraged new enterprise, but led to a decline in the number of visitors, she maintains. Since tourism is a leading source of revenue for San Francisco, that drop has helped shrink the city's coffers.

Rivera, 46, has lived in San Francisco for 14 years, and is a small business owner herself. "Business has always been in my blood," she says. She worked as a bookkeeper and accountant for the first 23 years of her business career. Then



Rosa Rivera, a 27th Street resident who stands a good chance of replacing Roberta Achtenberg on the Board of Supervisors, is the owner of El Nuevo Frutilandia, a Mission District restaurant specializing in Puerto Rican cuisine. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP.

she decided that what she really wanted to do was "become an entrepreneur and buy a restaurant."

She accomplished her goal in 1986, purchasing El Nuevo Frutilandia, located at 24th and Folsom streets. At the time, the restaurant specialized in Cuban food. Rivera retained the Cuban entrees, but added a Puerto Rican menu to reflect her heritage.

Rivera was born in Puerto Rico in 1946, but her family left the island two years later—part of the huge wave of migration from Puerto Rico to New York City that took place in the late 1940s and early '50s.

Rivera's 82-year-old father still lives on the island, working six hours a day on his small farm. He sends his daughter many hard-to-find ingredients for the recipes she uses at El Nuevo Frutilandia—as does her brother, who owns two Puerto Rican restaurants in New York City.

When she first opened her restaurant, Rivera marshalled her sharp business instincts, but she knew nothing about cooking, she says. "So I taught myself and brought all of my mom's old recipes."

Today, Rivera still cooks on weekends at the restaurant. The rest of the time, her small, mostly Salvadoran staff fills that duty. (Rivera taught the staff the fine art of Puerto Rican cooking, which she says owes more to Spanish cuisine than to Mexican fare.)

Rivera claims that El Nuevo Frutilandia is the only Puerto Rican restaurant in the Bay Area and that people from all over Northern California come by to sample her menu.

But after seeing her restaurant prosper for the first few years, Rivera began noticing some dark clouds on the Mission District's economic horizon in 1989. The depression seemed to coincide with the Loma Prieta earthquake, and gained momentum during the national recession, which took a firm hold in the city two years ago. At the same time, she says, city services appeared to be down, and crime was on the rise.

Wanting to do something, Rivera signed up with the 24th Street Merchants Association, which includes businesses in the stretch of 24th from Valencia Street to Potrero Avenue.

Association merchants pressured the city to upgrade maintenance in the area, including installing better street lighting and boosting garbage pickups. They also asked the police to step up patrols.

Rivera is a firm believer in close cooperation between neighborhood residents and the police. She has supported the police, even when doing so was unpopular.

She backed police efforts to quell riots in San Francisco, in the aftermath of last year's acquittal of four Los Angeles police officers charged in the beating of motorist Rodney King (although she drew the line when innocent bystanders were arrested).

In retrospect, she says she genuinely feared what would happen if the rioting had gone unchecked. "If the Mission had burned, it would have been devastating to the community."

Rivera's work with the 24th Street Merchants Association caught the attention of former San Francisco Supervisor Jim Gonzalez, who asked her to join the 24th Street Revitalization Project, a city-sponsored program providing loans and technical assistance to local merchants.

Since 1991, Rivera has also worked for the Mission Economic Development Association (MEDA), a non-profit agency that among other things helps small businesses qualify for loans. Rivera has been able to put her accounting background to use for the agency, analyzing business prospects and putting together loan packages.

Rivera's community service soon led to appointments to two more city commissions. In August of last year, Mayor Jordan appointed her to the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, and just last month she was picked to serve on the Mission Task Force, an advisory committee created in 1991 to address the overall problems of the Mission District.

When Supervisor Achtenberg's pending appointment was announced earlier this year, many political insiders thought Rivera would be a logical choice to fill the vacancy. After all, she represents several key interest groups: she is a small business person, a Latina, a lesbian, a city commissioner, and someone who generally knows the ins and outs of City Hall.

But because she's a fiscal moderate who questions the feasibility of some social programs, Rivera's appointment might face some resistance within the city's liberal community.

Nevertheless, Rivera says she will take the job if Mayor Jordan offers it. "I want to be part of a group to change our city."

If the post goes to someone else, though, she'll be happy to lend a hand. "If someone else has the background, I'll get up real early and start working for that person." □

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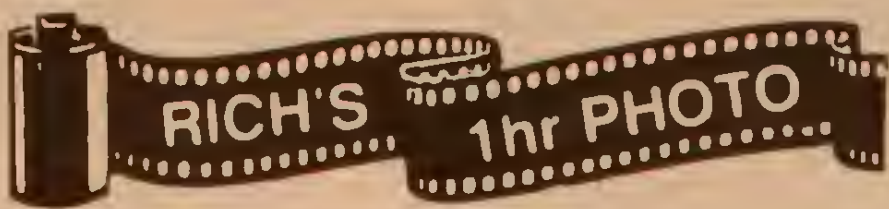
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Direct J-Line Service to Stonestown Derailed For Now

By Larry Beresford

The long-running drama of Muni's proposed 19th Avenue construction project—which would have permitted J-Church streetcars to travel directly from Noe Valley to Stonestown and San Francisco State University—finally appears to be headed toward a "compromise" solution.

But the compromise, which is more likely to satisfy the project's Lakeside opponents than transit riders in Noe Valley and Glen Park, has left this neighborhood's activists grumbling about the apparent political "pull" enjoyed by the 19th Avenue residents and hinting at possible revenge.

Given the project's history of false starts and delays, it may not be safe to consider the issue resolved at this point. However, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (PUC) was expected at its Feb. 23 meeting to approve scaled-down plans for construction work along 19th Avenue—specifically excluding Muni engineers' proposal to build a third or "pocket" track along 19th Avenue, which would have permitted layovers for the streetcars between runs.

According to Muni, without the pocket track to allow recovery time for trains, riders won't see direct J-line service to Stonestown until late 1996 at the earliest.

Noe Valley residents may recall the track construction work along 30th Street and San Jose Avenue between 1989 and 1991. That construction, Muni promised at the time, would make direct Stonestown service possible by creating an extended J-line loop—although start-up of the new service would also depend on Muni's ability to juggle its chronically understocked fleet of LRVs (light-rail vehicles), or else to buy new ones.

Muni staff, including Jim Nelson, the project's manager and a resident of Noe Valley, has continued to insist that a pocket track on 19th Avenue (or somewhere) is necessary to make the loop feasible, as well as to offer Muni other economies of operation on the J-Church and M-Ocean View lines.

However, Lakeside District opponents, led by James Herlihy, current pres-

ident of the San Francisco Library Commission, organized the 19th Avenue Safety and Preservation Committee in 1991 to fight Muni's plans. They cited the noise and inconvenience of construction work along the heavily-trafficked 19th Avenue corridor, and the "car barn" aesthetics of having a streetcar layover track in their back yards, as reasons for their opposition.

When numerous meetings between Muni and the vocal opponents failed to reach a resolution, San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan appointed retired city official Donald Birrer to work out a compromise.

Coincidentally, Birrer, one-time general manager of the PUC, has been mentioned recently as a possible candidate for his old PUC position, as part of the mayor's front-page shake-up of civic commissions and departments. With the recent appointment of Kay Yu, estranged wife of San Francisco Supervisor Bill Maher, Jordan supporters have gained a majority on the five-seat board, setting up the ouster of PUC General Manager Tom Elzey.

In light of the fact that Jordan fared better on Election Day in the outer Sunset neighborhoods than in liberal Noe Valley, some of our neighborhood's activists have cried foul. Not so, responds Birrer, emphasizing his experience as a civil engineer.

"I went out and looked at the tracks. I didn't feel Muni's argument that they needed a third track was valid," Birrer says. "Muni could run extended J service today, and could have done it a year ago. They just don't have the cars. The cars they have are old. They need to purchase more cars."

Birrer's compromise plan would construct safer high-level, center-loading platforms at the train stops on 19th Avenue this summer, and then add new crossover or X-shaped connecting tracks on the line during the summer of 1994. That would enable some M cars to turn around at Stonestown rather than continuing all the way to the line's terminus at the Balboa Park BART station.

Both these construction jobs, planned to take advantage of reduced summer

ridership, would temporarily suspend M-line car service past Sloat Boulevard, and shuttle buses would be used instead.

Together, these changes should free up a few LRVs, thus allowing Muni to begin regular but limited J-line service from 30th Street to Balboa Park BART, where passengers could then transfer to an M car bound for Stonestown or San Francisco State.

However, Nelson insists, the long-promised direct J service to Stonestown will have to wait until an alternative car layover capability can be built. The next best chance for that would be in 1996 or 1997, he says, when Muni plans to extend service along the Embarcadero to Mission Bay.

"When the Mission Bay extension happens, we will figure out a way to do J-line through service," Nelson maintains.

Meanwhile, Muni staff, recognizing the new political realities of the reformulated PUC, has dropped its demand for a pocket track on 19th Avenue. "The neighborhood opposition was just too strong for City Hall to resist," Nelson says.

"I'm disappointed. I think they shafted us," says Janice Gendreau of the neighborhood group Upper Noe Neighbors. "We got caught up in some of these awful city politics, and they're bending over backwards to satisfy one neighborhood," at the expense of the city's mass transit needs.

Bill Kuhns, who represented Noe Valley on Birrer's citizens' committee, also decries the compromise, which would "allow these literal NIMBYs [Not In My Back Yard] to force a change in the Muni's plan, affecting thousands of people."

"I have contended all along that there's no rational basis for their opposition. The project couldn't downgrade their neighborhood. They already face a state highway," Kuhns says.

Of course, everyone with a position on this project has questioned the logic—or lack thereof—of their opponent's position.

Birrer says Noeapolitans who feel betrayed "are seeing the situation for other than what it is. I've gone over the logic

of Muni's plans. I just don't see the necessity" for the pocket track on 19th Avenue.

How then does Birrer explain Muni's insistence that the only way it could provide direct J-line service would be with the third track?

"To me, it seems fairly simple. They stated that they were going to do one thing," and they just held onto that position, Birrer replied. "I think they thought they needed a layover. But by putting in a crossover and shunting the cars around, it solves their problem."

There is one other potential snag that might not be as easy to resolve. The federal funds earmarked for the 19th Avenue construction—as well as those already spent on the J-line extension, started back in 1984—were granted for a specific proposal, not for the current compromise. Will the feds want their money back if the project is substantially different from what they agreed to fund? At press time, no one could answer that question with any certainty.

However, Kuhns and Friends of Noe Valley President Steve Roseman have vowed to make sure the PUC obtains an answer before Muni scraps its plans for the pocket track. And if the federal government is not aware of how its money is being spent, the neighborhood activists imply, someone might have to send Bill Clinton a letter.

Says Kuhns, "If they come to the meeting on the 23rd and they haven't done their homework—determining whether there will have to be a payback [due to the project's change in concept]—and still vote it through, then we'll blow the whistle." □



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Cost of Seismic Repairs Has Church Shaking

St. Paul's: Where Are Those Singing Nuns When You Need Them?

By Dexter Waugh

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At St. Paul's Catholic Church, one of Noe Valley's oldest landmarks, art imitates life imitates art.

First came the movie *Sister Act*, starring Whoopi Goldberg, filmed at St. Paul's in 1991.

The movie crew from Touchstone Productions transformed the well-kept block of Church Street between 29th and Valley streets into a slum. The proud Gothic exterior of St. Paul's cathedral was draped with barbed wire and smeared with graffiti.

But that was just a movie.

Now comes real life, in which St. Paul's and 16 other Catholic churches and school buildings around town face an uncertain future: they need an estimated \$60 million to satisfy city seismic safety requirements—or risk closing their doors.

St. Paul's parish alone may need to raise \$13 million for work on the church, the parish's three school buildings, and the two residences for the nuns, said the Rev. Martin Greenlaw, pastor of St. Paul's.

"We're exactly in the situation that the parish portrayed fictionally in the film was, a parish that's in trouble and in danger," he said.

Even with a membership of 1,800 households, the parish by itself "cannot afford the millions of dollars," he said.

But Greenlaw has faith. And some hot ideas, including a fundraising drive that

would try to capitalize on the popularity of *Sister Act*.

Built between 1900 and 1911, St. Paul's Catholic Church "has got a great history, so it has [supporters] all over the place, both in the city and the suburbs," Greenlaw said. "I think some of those will probably help us. And maybe we will be able to trade off on *Sister Act*. Maybe we can play off that magic to a wider audience."

In the movie, Goldberg and the parish nuns rouse neighborhood residents through a little rock 'n' roll choir music to save the church and revive the run-down neighborhood.

In reality, Greenlaw said, "the neighborhood is fine. It's just the buildings that are running down. It's the buildings that could close down, not the neighborhood."

The priest even contacted Disney, which is reportedly doing a sequel to *Sister Act*.

"I tried selling them a story line, which actually was based on this retrofitting idea, a parish in trouble, blah blah blah, but they weren't interested," he said. "They had their own story writers working on it, and I haven't heard back."

St. Paul's and the others are on the city's seismic safety list because they're built of unreinforced masonry, a type of construction likely to crumble in a major earthquake. However, the buildings of St. Paul's parish suffered no damage in the October 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

At 76-year-old St. Paul's Intermediate School at 1660 Church St., not even a speck of plaster fell, said the school's principal, Sister Ann Cronin. "Nothing,"



St. Paul's stately Gothic edifice suffered no damage during the '89 quake, but city safety laws will require that the church undergo an expensive seismic upgrade. PHOTOS BY BEVERLY THARP

she said.

The schools are operated by the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

About 500 students attend the elementary and intermediate schools, and another 240 are at the high school for girls, at 317 29th St. Many of the high school students are from poor, immigrant families and receive scholarships.

"Our school does something no other Catholic high school in the city does, a lot of remedial work, bilingual work," said Greenlaw. "It really is doing exactly what Catholic schools were founded to do, to help an immigrant population transition into the mainstream."

He has assembled a parish council to tackle the first step in meeting the city's seismic upgrade requirements—getting architectural and engineering studies done.

These studies will determine what actual work needs to be performed. The studies alone will cost about \$500,000, and need to be completed by August 1994.

"We will be launching a capital drive asking people, over and above their

weekly sacrificial gift, to contribute to that," Greenlaw said. "We are fairly confident we can reach that. After that is where the problems are, going to come, and whether we are going to be able to save all the buildings or any of the buildings" is open to question.

Under city law, privately owned buildings where people assemble, including churches, schools, and theaters, can apply for extensions of up to 11 years to do the retrofit work. Otherwise, work such as that at St. Paul's must be completed within the next three years. □

As of late February, Father Greenlaw had still received no word from Disney, and he and his fellow parishioners at St. Paul's were going ahead with their own *Sister Act* II, a fundraising campaign to save the church buildings. They also were conducting a series of town hall meetings, including one to be held March 2, 7 p.m., at St. Paul's School auditorium, 1660 Church St. If you want to contribute, call the church rectory at 648-7538.



Since Disney packed up the movie set from *Sister Act* a year and a half ago, St. Paul's has hoped for a return engagement—but in the imaginary sequel Whoopi Goldberg and her choir of nuns would rouse the neighborhood to raise funds to renovate the church.

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A Graphic Designer Who Knows How To Get to Sesame Street

By Michele Lynn

In Juliana Van Horn's airy Dolores Street flat, Kermit the Frog peers down from a shelf, and the Cookie Monster peeks out from the crook of the desk lamp.

These playful characters are appropriate companions for this freelance graphic designer, who has put her skills and imagination to work for Sesame Street stores, Jim Henson Productions (creator of the Muppets), and the Walt Disney Company, among other clients.

With the tools of her trade—a 19-inch Macintosh computer, felt-tip markers, and palettes of printer's colors, plus the other necessities of today's home office (photocopier, modem, and fax)—Van Horn has combined her love of art with a successful business.

Primarily a product designer, Van Horn, 39, defines graphic design as "art with function." As k.d. lang croons in the background, she points to one of her whimsical but practical creations—a pile of diapers adorned with Muppet babies, stored beneath her office shelves. "I had to buy these," she laughs. "even though I have no kids."

She has also transformed ordinary beach towels with her special rendering of Kermit the Frog doing his surfing thing, alongside Miss Piggy as a bathing beauty.

More recently, Van Horn designed a set of party goods based on the Disney movie *Aladdin*. "I was hired before the movie was completed," she says. "I saw an unfinished version of the film that was a combination of sketches, animated sketches, and stills. All the music and dialogue was there. It helps to see the movie because when I design products, I like to give a flavor of the movie and of the characters."

"I try to go a cut above just plastering a character on something. So, for example, I tried to communicate that, in the movie, the genie is wild, and he changes shape. To make the products expressive of the movie, the genie's face changes shape on the cups and party hats."

Van Horn saw the finished product for the first time when she was shopping in the gift shop Just for Fun on 24th Street. "I let out a little bit of a yelp when I saw it," she recalls. "I always yelp when I see my work for the first time."

Describing herself as "unabashedly en-



In her role as a product logo designer for Jim Henson and Walt Disney, Dolores Street resident Juliana Van Horn has had to delve into the psyche of both the Cookie Monster and the schizoid genie from *Aladdin* (played by Robin Williams). PHOTO BY CHARLES KENNARD

thusiastic" about her field of endeavor, she adds, "It's a thrill to see something that I've designed in the stores. I never get tired of it."

Van Horn can credit her Rottweiler, Radha, with helping her snag her first Noe Valley client. What's for Dessert cafe on Church Street. After she designed a poster for the neighborhood dog show that she organizes annually (along with her dog-walking buddy, Army Street resident June Nathan), she asked Mervyn Marks, the cafe owner, to hang one up. He agreed, and then he asked, "Do you do tee shirts?" Her answer was yes, and the result can now be seen on the bodies of What's For Dessert patrons throughout the neighborhood.

Two other Noe Valley businesses have also enjoyed using Van Horn's services. The 21st-anniversary poster for Common Scents, 24th Street's longest-running bath shop, and a soon-to-debut advertising logo for Lily of the Valley, a Church Street flower shop, are both Van Horn creations.

"I like doing things for small businesses because it's more personal," she notes. "I can create an identity for [a business] that might not have one. And I hope to do more work for other neighborhood businesses."

In addition to being a designing woman, Van Horn is a photographer whose black-and-white landscapes adorn her living room walls. While growing up on a farm in northern Indiana, she was inspired by an uncle who is a fine art photographer and a craftsman. He gave her her first camera, and also encouraged her to draw.

After graduating from Indiana University, where she majored in Italian, Van Horn took an office job, with the intention of eventually returning to school to get her Ph.D. (in Italian), so that she could teach. But she soon found herself captivated by the creations of the graphic designers at the cultural non-profit organization where she worked.

"I wanted to be them!" she declares. "They got to work with great tools, draw, work with color, and create things that got posted all over the place. Seeing their work, I saw a way to bring together my interest in art with my job."

At age 34, Van Horn did go back to school, but not to study Italian. Instead, she enrolled at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. Upon her graduation in 1989, she was recruited to work for Jim Henson Productions.

"Working at the Muppets was a dream come true," she says. "It was a very happy, loose atmosphere because there has to be an element of fun with children's products."

In September of 1991, Van Horn and her husband, Douglas Wright, a research intern in immunology at Genentech, moved to Noe Valley. "We moved to Noe Valley because good friends of ours who live on 21st Street told us it was safe and

absolutely the best neighborhood in the city, with great shops, great coffee stores. I couldn't disagree."

"I find it very friendly, especially for me. As a freelancer working at home, the human contact with friendly neighborhood merchants is really necessary. When I'm lonely, I go to What's for Dessert for a cup of coffee."

Another of her favorite work breaks is walking her dog in Douglass Park.

Now there's a place where those Muppet diapers might come in handy. □



One of Juliana Van Horn's branchchildren is Muppet Baby Kermit, shown here when he was barely out of the lily pad.

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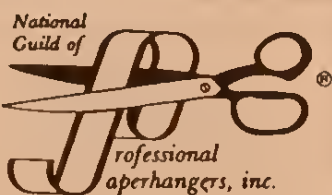
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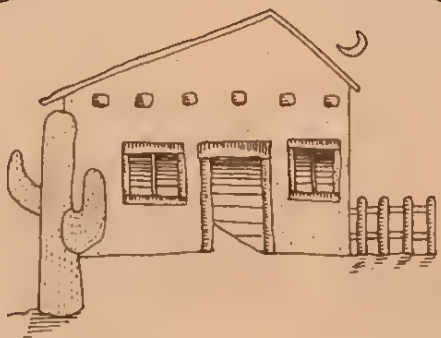
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Do You Know Where Your Baby's Car Seat Is Tonight?

By Officer Lois Perillo

Just about everyone in San Francisco knows someone who has been the target of an auto theft or car break-in. An especially disturbing pattern is emerging in relation to that urban blight: baby car seats are being sought and stolen by thieves.

Paul Morgan, co-owner of Peek-A-Bootique, a kids' clothing store at 1306 Castro St., alerted me to this crime.

When a nearby Jersey Street resident found his child's car seat—which had been stolen just hours before—in Morgan's shop, Morgan gave the car seat to the original owner and provided me with a description of the seller. Morgan was greatly disturbed by this event and his unwitting collaboration. I reminded him that his involvement produced a happy ending.

Please do your part to limit this crime. Take those car seats, along with your babes, groceries, and dry cleaning, out of the auto and into your home! I know you parents have grown two pairs of hands apiece. You can do it.

(Also, it might help to have your driver's license number engraved on the car seat.)

Sidewalk People Update: In the near future, you may be seeing less of Rick Greathouse—one of the homeless people I mentioned in last month's column—asking for change on 24th Street. Greathouse is on the waiting list for a spot in Walden House's residential drug treatment program.

He says he's been demonstrating his commitment to join the program by visiting Walden's outpatient facility daily. "I've stopped sleeping in the neighborhood, and I might apply for G.A. [General Assistance]."

Greathouse adds, "I haven't been using [narcotics] for the last three weeks, and it's hard. I'm feeling pain that I hadn't felt before, because I was numb when I used. Now, I'm taking it one day at a time."

Wakeel Shakir, a *Street Sheet* seller who usually alternates with James Herron standing between Tien Fu and Color-crane, recently spoke to me about a new

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business venture.

Shakir has been affiliated with the Coalition on Homelessness for a year and has sold *Street Sheets* for about six months "to get money together to start my business." He showed me a roll of sharp-looking gold labels with black lettering, saying, "Shakir Exotics—Incense—Lots—Perfume Oils."

"I'll put these labels on the products I'll sell at flea markets," Shakir said. "I used the money I got in exchange for the *Street Sheets* to buy these labels. Now I'm very close to [having] my own business."

Another 24th Street regular, Barry McKinney, the black man known for his beautiful singing voice, reports that he was recently seen at San Francisco General Hospital "for my weeping feet." McKinney's foot ulcers have caused his legs to swell, forcing him to wear unlaced sneakers and use a walking cane.

Jessie Russo, the recycler I mentioned last time, says he is working on an alternative to using shopping carts as bottle/can carriers. Also, Russo told me he is "checking out" substance abuse counseling.

A Shoplift and a Mugging: An incident that began as a simple shoplift at Walgreens, 1333 Castro St., ended in the capture of a suspect who was wanted for a parole violation.

At 8:30 p.m. the evening of Jan. 24, the store's assistant manager saw a man run from the store with bottles of cologne "bulging from his pockets."

As store workers attempted to stop the suspect, he said, "Get away from me, I have a gun! I will use it!"

The workers nevertheless struggled with the man, and subdued him until police arrived. Once they did, they determined that the suspect did not in fact have a gun, but was on parole for a previous robbery conviction. He was then put on a "parole hold," which means he will have a parole revocation hearing and probably be returned to state prison for the remainder of his original sentence. In all likelihood, the attempted robbery charge will not be pursued.

In another case, two elderly women were walking near Diamond and Jersey streets on Feb. 4 at 10:45 a.m. when a man who appeared to be about 20 approached them. He ripped the shoulder strap of the purse from around the neck of one woman and unsuccessfully tried to steal the purse of the other woman, who screamed. Alerted by the screams,

a nearby resident saw the suspect flee in a red, four-door sedan and called the police.

The first targeted woman, who was knocked to the ground during the mugging, was treated for a leg injury. The second woman reported no physical injuries.

A Valentine Shock: Sometime in the early morning hours of Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, the Church Street house with the rain forest mural (near 23rd Street) was vandalized.

When the owner left to buy the morning paper, he found blood and apparent fowl hearts splattered on his front steps and on the house's painted facade, from the roof all the way down. The look was macabre and the smell was awful.

After I documented the event in writing and photos, I collected evidence and spoke with the SFPD's expert on cults and ritual abuse, Officer Sandy Bargioni. Since there was no additional evidence (i.e., no note at the scene, or any existing cult association or feud), Bargioni said it was nearly impossible to determine motive or establish a link with a particular group. Also, so far, this has been an isolated incident within the city.

Luckily for the residents, the blood (being water-based) washed off the building facade, and the colorful mural has been returned to its original idyllic state.

Where's Your Bike? Recently, our police inspectors served a search warrant on a Noe Valley house known as "the darkroom," and recovered five bicycles believed to be stolen.

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Even though a theft report might have been filed, the above bikes' serial numbers have not been reported to the police, making our job of matching recovered bikes to owners very difficult. However, this task is not impossible with your involvement!

Goodby, Lorraine: Noe Valley's other beat cop, Lorraine Lombardo (the one with the lipstick and manicured fingernails), has transferred to another beat. But Lorraine will be staying within the same police district (Mission Station), and she promises to visit 24th Street "for

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lattes and conversation."

Hello, Sandy: My new partner, Sandy Ganster, was most recently working at Potrero Station. She trained at Northern, Park, and Central stations. You may have seen her on a TV program, "Women in Blue," which aired last fall on Channel 2. Reporter Bob McKenzie rode along with Ganster and her partner, Jill Brophy, during a midnight shift on Potrero Hill.

Ganster, 31, grew up in Lake Tahoe. She attended the University of Nevada at Reno, where she studied veterinary medicine and graphic design. She continued her art study at the Fashion Institute. Life before police work included working at a local advertising agency as a systems art director, overseeing ad production, and creating drawings. Perhaps Ganster's art may soon illustrate this column.

As your community police officers, Sandy and I will continue to work 10-hour days, offsetting each other's schedules so we can cover the turf all week. Our hours may vary to handle various issues on the beat.

Like other city police officers, we also may be taken from our beats on occasion and sent to monitor one of San Francisco's many demonstrations.

I'll continue to ride my bicycle. But despite much effort on our part, the bicycle program has not been funded. Officers continue to have to purchase their special bike accessories. And you should soon see Sandy pedaling a donated bicycle.

Good Luck, Steve: To Ingleside Officer Steve Ratto, the beat cop who covered upper Noe Valley, I'll miss your companion articles in the *Voice* and all the great beat work you've done south of Army Street.

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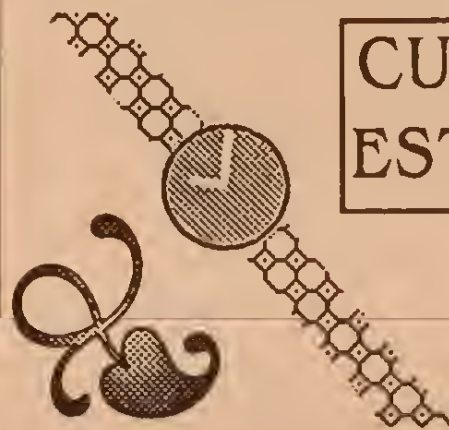
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Bach to Bach Baroque Concerts

By Jeff Kaliss

March 21 is Johann Sebastian Bach's birthday, and the neighborhood is doing more than you may know to commemorate the composer's 308th.

The Baroque Arts Ensemble, founded six years ago by former Noe Valley resident Carol Negro, will help St. Paul's Cathedral, at Church and Valley streets, celebrate the musical tradition of its European architectural models with a special classical concert this month.

On Saturday, March 27, at 8 p.m., the Ensemble will perform Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 2* and three of his cantatas, *Ihr werdet weinen und heulen* (No. 103), *Wachet! betet! betet! wachet!* (No. 70), and *Ich will den Kreuzstab gerne tragen* (No. 56), featuring haritone soloist Raymond Martinez.

Negro, who is both a bassoonist and conductor of the Baroque Arts Ensemble, was born and raised in Noe Valley, but moved to Inverness, Calif., three years ago to become artistic director of the annual West Marin Summer Music Festival. Ensemble publicist Zoë Scott says the group's 16 singers fell in love with St. Paul's after rehearsing in the cathedral last year.

"We talked to Father Greenlaw, and he said he was thinking about a music series there," recounts Scott. "It's a splendid resonant space, with a wonderful vault. We can hear the sound come back, and there's reverberation. In some other spaces, it's like singing into a wad of cotton."

The church initiated the classical music series, co-sponsored by the West Marin Music Festival, in January with an Ensemble performance of Henry Purcell's opera *Dido and Aeneas*. St. Paul's will offer a third program, "Music of the

STEPPING OUT IN NOE VALLEY



On March 27, the Baroque Arts Ensemble will fill the vault of St. Paul's Cathedral at Church and Valley streets with the contrapuntal music of J.S. Bach.

French Baroque," in May, and hopes to continue on a seasonal basis each year.

"The family of one of our members attends the church, and we're hoping to attract the congregation," adds Scott, "but I don't know if they like Bach."

Even if they're not well versed in the German religious text, they will no doubt appreciate Bach's use of polyphonic vocal harmonies, as well as the music's clarion instrumental accompaniment of trumpets, woodwinds, and strings. Call Scott or Negro at the West Marin Music Festival, 663-9650, to find out more about the season.



Robert Mandel (right) holds the hurdy-gurdy, one of the instruments with which his Budapest-based Mandel Quartet will showcase early Hungarian music at the Noe Valley Ministry March 28.

but the Ministry concert was set up at their request by their friends in the Kronos Quartet, headquartered on Ninth Avenue. Istvan Marta, a harpsichordist and percussionist with the Hungarian group, contributed his composition "Doom. A Sigh" to Kronos' award-winning 1990 album, *Black Angels*.

According to Ministry series coordinator Karen Heather, "The quartet's reputation is partly due to the fact that Robert Mandel is one of the foremost authorities on the hurdy-gurdy." She's referring not to the familiar harrel organ, but to an earlier instrument on which a player cranks a rosined wheel with one hand and fingers strings with the other.

"The program will be mainly unfamiliar," adds Heather, "because it's early Hungarian music from the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries, which hasn't made it into the mainstream of Western performance. There's much more of a connection to the earth and to folk music."

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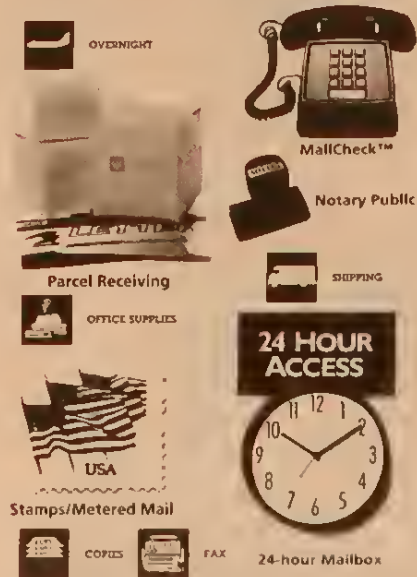
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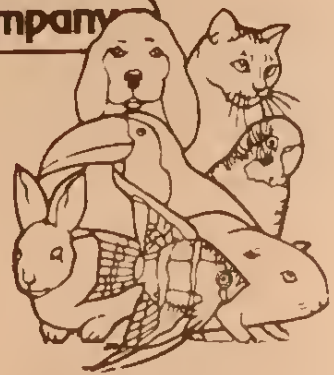
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Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay's New Multimedia Revolution

By Larry Beresford

Church Street computer software developer Steven Rappaport is a pioneer in the brave new world of "interactive multimedia."

And in October his company, Interactive Records, issued a fun new software package, *So You Want to Be a Rock 'n' Roll Star*. It's a program that uses the latest in computer technology to teach rock 'n' roll wannabes how to play guitar or keyboards, and sing along with rock and soul standards, all while sitting at their personal computers.

Interactive multimedia is the label for an exciting new application of computer technologies that brings together the high-quality digital sound of compact disks and the graphic possibilities of full-color computer monitors.

With a CD-ROM player, a stereo system, and a Macintosh computer (Rappaport should have an IBM-compatible version out this spring), users of Rappaport's software, which is based on six rock 'n' roll classics ("Stand by Me," "Twist and Shout," "Runaway," "Dock of the Bay," "Crazy," and "In the Midnight Hour"), can view an animation depicting a song's mood or story line, while listening to the song. They then can delete the singer or musician from the animation or soundtrack, and sing or play along with the record.

So You Want to Be a Rock 'n' Roll Star is also a teaching tool, aimed at anyone who has ever picked up a guitar for a few months or taken a few piano lessons.

After 20 seconds of booting up (during which time the program plays a recording of Chuck Berry's "Rock 'n' Roll Music" and entertains users with music trivia questions), students may choose a song with which to interact.

Each song comes with a brief musical history lesson about its original performers, a seven-minute theory lesson that explains the basic concepts behind rock music, an analysis of how to perform the song, and an elementary guitar and piano lesson. A dictionary of musical jargon is also available.

Musicians and singers hired by Rappaport perform the song in a style similar to the original, but with vocal, guitar, and keyboard parts on separate tracks so that they can be easily deleted, leaving space for the student to fill in. Students can choose song lyrics, chords, or piano sheet music to be highlighted as each measure of a song is played, or they can



Steven Rappaport was doing "The Martian Hop" back in the '60s, but now he's come up with something he hopes won't be alien for long: a piece of interactive software that teaches rock 'n' roll licks for piano or guitar. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

opt to see illustrations of proper hand positions for playing the chords on piano or guitar. And they can also choose the order in which they want to access the information.

This element of personal control is essential, notes Rappaport. "No longer do you, the person learning, have to go the route that I, the teacher, decide," he explains.

"You're in control of the learning process. You can have fun this way, or have fun that way. What do you feel like learning now? Do you want to learn how to play the guitar? Do you want to learn some music theory? Do you want to sing? Do you just want to click buttons on your mouse and see what happens? We try to make it so much fun to learn that you won't mind learning."

"Multimedia is all about effective communication," Rappaport adds. "I have something I want to share with you, which in my case is my love of music. What we do with our product, and what interactive multimedia does generally, is seduce you into learning."

Rappaport, a 50-year-old former civil rights lawyer, has a master's degree in interactive technologies from Harvard, and has written the definitive college text *The Complete Guide to Synthesizers*.

At one time he chaired the Electronic Music Department at Lane College in

Oregon, and he has produced another piece of interactive software, *The Book of MIDI*, which teaches electronic musicians about the complex language that computers and synthesizers use to talk to one another.

In addition to racking up these heavy "tech-head" credentials, Rappaport has played keyboards and sung rock 'n' roll in various bands across the country "ever since Elvis released 'Heartbreak Hotel' back in 1956."

He also claimed a bit of fame in 1963 when he played on the novelty hit record "The Martian Hop." And these days he volunteers once or twice a month for Bread and Roses, an organization of performing artists who visit shut-ins at nursing homes, hospices, and psychiatric wards.

The technology that drives multimedia has actually been available for about six years, notes Rappaport, but recent advances have made it more accessible to consumers, since developers are now able to create software at a lower cost. Rappaport and Interactive Records Vice President Greg McGee worked 18 months and spent "in the low six figures" to produce *Rock 'n' Roll Star*.

All the equipment required to operate their new high-tech music lessons can be purchased for under \$2,000, Rappaport says. The software, which retails for

around \$79, is contained on one CD-ROM (meaning Read-Only Memory), a 5-inch disk that looks like a standard musical compact disk, but contains 15 to 30 times as much information as the average computer hard disk.

San Francisco has become the world capital of this new industry, and "Multimedia Gulch" at Third and Townsend streets is at the center of the action. According to recent press accounts, 3,000 San Franciscans are already employed in the multimedia industry, and explosive growth is predicted in the next few years. A multimedia studies program at San Francisco State University now has 500 students.

Multimedia artists seem to prefer the culture and amenities of the city to Silicon Valley. "Why am I here? Because I like San Francisco. I like the atmosphere," says Rappaport.

In Noe Valley alone, he adds, "there are scores of us in multimedia. I personally know at least 15." Within a three-mile radius of his Church and 21st Street home and office, he says, are "virtually everybody I need to work with in multimedia," including subcontractors, consultants, graphic artists, and musicians.

"I have a friend two blocks from here who has a great computer scanner, and he lets me come over and use it. When he needs something in music, I give it to him. So there's a great feeling of community here."

So You Want to Be a Rock 'n' Roll Star is pretty typical of the small but growing market in multimedia. Other interactive CD-ROMs include computer games like *Spaceship Warlock* and *Total Distortion*, developed by Joe Sparks of San Francisco's Pop Rocket, Inc., and *Just Grandma and Me*, from Broderbund Software in Novato, which uses humorous animated graphics to help children learn how to read and to operate computers.

"There are not many products on the market yet," Rappaport says. "This is a technology truly in its infancy, so there's no way to predict where it will go—except that we want to make it more and more engaging."

There are an estimated 3 to 4 million CD-ROM players now hooked up to computers in this country, he adds, although the lion's share of those are in offices and libraries rather than private homes.

"The goal is to have CD-ROM players in enough homes to support hundreds of producers," Rappaport says. "Greg and I are building a dream, so there's no such thing as eight-hour days for us. If we wanted to make a lot of money this year, we'd be doing something else."

"We're in it because this is a tremendous opportunity, and the people who are known for creating quality products now are the ones who will be able to do this in 1995, when it really is a happening market. We'll have a dozen different products on the market then, and everybody will know about us. We can't see now where it all will be 10 years from now, but we want to be there." □

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The Death and Life of José Tovar

By Bill Yard

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 26, after a fortnight of heavy drinking, José Tovar, a beloved habitué of Noe Valley (among other San Francisco neighborhoods), collapsed at the Mission District home of a friend.

By the time the ambulance arrived at St. Luke's Hospital on Army Street, his liver and kidneys had failed, his lungs were filling with fluid, and a horrendous infection raced unimpeded through his body.

José battled the infection for eight days. At first he rallied. Then the infection—which his frustrated physicians would never diagnose, and could not control—began its inexorable destruction of his bodily systems. Toward the end, nurses packed his body in ice, in a vain attempt to break his 106-degree fever. Eventually, his blood pressure started to drop; his heart was weakening. On the afternoon of Feb. 2, he lapsed into a coma.

Shortly after midnight on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 3, José Tovar died, about three weeks after his 43rd birthday.

According to Ginger McIntosh, his girlfriend of several years, who was at his bedside in the hospital, José suffered extreme physical pain during the ordeal. But with his limbs restrained and his lungs controlled by a respirator, José's worst suffering, she said, "was his frustration at being unable to communicate."



In 1955, Manuel Antonio Tovar, a cab driver and guitar player, was shot and killed by Guatemalan police when he was caught out after curfew during a period of martial law. He left a wife, Cristina, and two sons, René, 3, and José, 5.

A few years later, Cristina Tovar forsook Guatemala to start a new life in

San Francisco. On Dec. 5, 1959, her two young sons, traveling alone, joined her. The family settled in North Beach, and the two brothers proceeded to make the most of a childhood spent in the city's schools and playgrounds.

Because of his rigorous early education in Guatemala, José had no problems adjusting to Garfield Elementary, his first American school. He quickly developed a facility and passion for reading and writing, later earning a special award while at Francisco Middle School for his fluency in Italian (his mother had remarried a San Franciscan of Italian descent, and José would return throughout his life to visit the North Beach friends and haunts of his childhood).

José's passion for literature would resurface in recent years as he sought to learn more about the country of his birth. He began to read Central American authors, and became particularly interested in the life of Rigoberta Menchú, the Guatemalan Indian woman who would be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992. He studied works on Guatemalan history and revolution. He also struck up a correspondence, in Spanish, with his father's relatives in his native country.

Despite the wishes of his mother to the contrary, José refused to renounce his Guatemalan citizenship.



Baseball immortal Ty Cobb was such a ferocious base runner, it is said, because his father had been shot when Ty was just a child. Cobb turned his pain into hatred for the hapless infielders who got in his way. Perhaps for similar reasons, José Tovar attained excellence as a soccer player.

Beginning in such venues as the Salesian Boys Club on Filbert Street, José developed into one of the premier fullbacks in San Francisco in the late '60s. He led his high school, Galileo, to back-to-back titles while earning All-City honors two years running. Later he was chosen All-Conference at City College, and he subsequently played semi-pro ball for the Greek-Americans, a San Francisco club team.

A part of José's heart never left the playgrounds and playing fields of his youth. The relative to which he felt



closest was his cousin José Coronado, a soccer coach at McAtter High School and playground director at Folsom Playground in the Mission. So after Coronado died suddenly in May 1991, José Tovar joined a group of Coronado's friends and family in lobbying the S.F. Recreation and Park Department to rename Folsom Playground after his deceased cousin. In the fall of 1992, José Coronado Playground became a reality. It would be one of the last efforts from which José Tovar would take pride.

His love of athletics continued into his adult years. In addition to soccer, he readily joined pickup basketball games, and played catcher for the Lip Rippers, a Noe Valley softball team in the 1980s.

Ironically, it seems possible that his athletic prowess, and the superior physical conditioning it required, could have contributed to José's early death. Chris Vance, one of José's many longtime friends from the neighborhood, notes that, despite weighing only 120 pounds, José could drink most of his larger friends under the table. Vance theorizes that the years of soccer may have contributed to the smaller man's prodigious stamina.

Perhaps this stamina gave José a false sense of security, as it filled him with seemingly boundless energy, while the disease of alcoholism was slowly killing him.



Of José's many talents, the greatest was his gift for music. Beginning with the clarinet at Garfield Elementary, he immersed himself in all facets of the art form. Starting in middle school, he mastered the violin, eventually becoming a member of the Vallejo Symphony, as well as performing at Community Music Center on Capp Street.

For eight years he worked for San Francisco music publisher Byron Hoyt, and used his connections there to build a collection of sheet music from various genres. From his public school training in European classical music, José would branch out to compose and play bluegrass, Spanish classical, Scottish folk music, Tex-Mex—anything he could get his hands on. He immersed himself in the biographies of different composers. His final composition for the violin, "Song for Virginia," was written for a young cousin who had just started to study the same instrument.

At the end, however, José would be separated from his violin. Out of work, he had pawned it. As far as I know, it is still in the pawnshop, waiting for him to come and take it home.

The quality which set José Tovar apart from other men, however, had nothing to do with sports or music. It was his belief in and willingness to express the truth.

He saw through the veneer of material success, or lack thereof, to recognize and acknowledge the real human qualities, or lack thereof, in the people he met. Because José had no patience with pretense, not everyone was enamored of him; he could turn his candor upon others as easily as upon himself.

"José took great pride in looking at people for who they were, not who they appeared to be," said McIntosh. "He was disturbed that people's lives were judged on the basis of appearances."

Knowing this about José, then, you won't be surprised to learn that he counted among his close friends a homeless man named Patrick, who lives under a San Francisco freeway overpass. José went to visit Patrick on several occasions, taking him things, listening to sports on the man's radio, even spending the night.

José was also proud of the fact that, like his father, he drove a taxi for a



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living. When I was between jobs a few years ago, he convinced me to drive a cab. He walked me through the application process, showed me the ropes, and helped me get a shift at Veterans Cab.

A few weeks before his death, and a fellow City Cab driver found another cabbie who had been shot. José took the man to Mission Emergency. He considered cab driving to be his profession, and the crew at City Cab (where McIntosh also drove) to be a second family.

Like all City Cab drivers, José was required to obtain and submit a Department of Motor Vehicles printout every year, on New Year's Day. This year, as he stood at the DMV window, scanning his printout, his worst fears were realized: a November drunken driving ticket had appeared on his record. City Cab policy forbade cabbies from driving with a DUI on the books.

Rather than confront his employers and admit to a breach in his professionalism, José decided not to return to the City Cab lot. His last day behind the wheel was Jan. 1, 1993. From that day he sunk into a depression culminating in the drinking binge that would claim his life a month later. According to McIntosh, representatives from City Cab who attended his funeral said that if only José had spoken to them, they might have been able to find a non-driving position for him at the company.

Although fluent in three languages, José detested the inherent elitism of speaking a foreign language in front of someone who did not understand. I can remember at least two occasions with José when this happened: a third man in our presence, fluent in Spanish like José, and suspecting my ignorance of the language, tried to talk to him in Spanish. "Speak English!" José interrupted.



It was as a fellow drinker at Finnegan's Wake on 24th Street (later to become Noe Body's Inn and now the Rat and Raven) that I came to know José Tovar. He bartended occasionally, but spent most of his time on the civilian side of the bar, or circling the pool table. His famous smile, a smile entirely too large for a man of his diminutive stature, lit up the room almost every night.

I was dead broke in those days, the early '80s, and José was one of the ones I could turn to for a drink, or a ride home after last call. He wouldn't take money for gas. He wouldn't make a big deal of his generosity either. He was too courteous for that.

Some years ago I ended up getting a few breaks, and my situation "improved." Along the way I opted to play the game—you know: hair cuts, ties, "yessir, anything you say sir."



Money replaced booze and cocaine as my anesthetic of choice. Like other ambitious emigrés from the bar scene, I began to pay tribute to the modern American gods of Greed, Conformity, Propriety, and Obsequiousness.

The bold mythical figure Prometheus stole fire from Olympus, in order to enlighten humankind. For this transgression he was chained to a rock while vultures gnawed at his liver. José Tovar raised his middle finger to our modern American gods, and, like Prometheus, his liver paid the price.

Another myth says that an alcohol problem is indicative of a lack of character. In José's case, at least, his drinking may have resulted from an excess of character. By refusing to cater to the powerful or ignore the weak, by eschewing the trappings of materialism, José opened himself up to the slings and arrows of a world with decidedly different values from his own. And I am sure this was harder for him to take than he

let on. Perhaps, as Ginger McIntosh claims, "He died for his beliefs."

Upon hearing this theory, his brother René recalls a time, during José's early childhood, when their grandfather pointed out to Cristina how sensitive and intuitive the young José was.

If so, who are we to deny him the only anesthetic available to him? It is easy to pin all the blame for alcoholism on something indelible, like genetics, but it's a little more unpleasant to realize that the prime suspect might be something the rest of us have the ability to change, like the ugliness of human behavior.

On the day of José's funeral I went down to Driscoll's Mortuary on South Van Ness to see him one last time before they closed the casket. He didn't look right. Then I realized: he wasn't smiling.

I joined the processional out to Corpus Christi Church in the Excelsior. Outside, I saw several faces from those days in the bar. Everybody looked older.

After they removed José from the hearse and took him inside, we all followed. The family gathered in the forward pews, while José's buddies from 24th Street took up seats scattered about the church. The church itself was plain, as churches should be. There was a large statue of Jesus up on the back wall, lit by a spotlight.

Father Armando proceeded to perform the Mass, in Spanish. Some of José's friends have said that they believe that he would have preferred his service to be in English, so that more of us, family as well as friends, could have understood. In a way I think it was fitting, however, that I could not understand the Mass. José's death was, as is all death, incomprehensible.

After a while, René Tovar approached the lectern to speak to us, in English. He spoke slowly and simply, describing José's honesty and directness, and love of music. But he was struggling with his emotions. Only later did I learn that an angry confrontation concerning the subject of José's drinking had transpired between the two brothers on Jan. 15, José's birthday. His final binge followed.

The Mass continued; the rituals played out. Then the six white-gloved pallbearers took José back out to the

hearse. The processional regrouped and we drove south, down 280 into the rolling hills of western San Mateo County.

The weather, which had begun the day with overcast and chill, turned sunny and beautiful. We left the freeway and headed west on 92, past the glistening water of Crystal Springs Reservoir. In my book this is one of the most beautiful parts of the Bay Area. Even when the surrounding hills are brown,



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the lowlands circling the reservoir are teeming with life.

Eventually we turned into the cemetery. We proceeded to a small building where, once again, we followed the casket inside. We all stood around as Father Armando spoke briefly beside the casket, now draped with flowers. Everyone seemed to be waiting.

Then José's mother Cristina, who was, I think, the smallest and darkest person in the room, began to let out her grief. We stood and listened while the song of her crying filled the room. □

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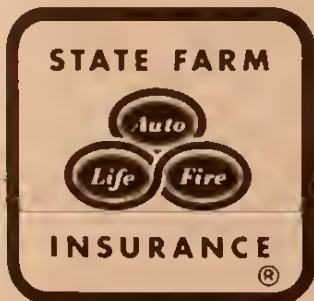
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The Schudels of Noe Valley

It is always a revelation to drive or stroll around Noe Valley with my sister-in-law, Margaret, because she was born here.

On our frequent neighborhood excursions, she likes to point out various houses and tell of those who lived in them, and it seems as if our valley was once overflowing with members of her family, the Schudels.

Margaret's father, John, came to America—with his mother and two siblings—after his father died, to join six older siblings already settled in San Francisco. The Schudels were from the small, charming, German-speaking village of Beggingen, near Schaffhausen, in Switzerland.

Back in 1905, Anna, the oldest daughter, was already here and married, with five children, to Oscar Menchen, who operated a paper supply business. Oscar's brother-in-law, Emil, also operated his own business, the Schudel Paper Company, which provided paper goods (wrappings, paper plates, pie boxes, etc.) to many small bakeries, and which he built into a large, lucrative business as the city grew.

Emil Schudel and his wife, Gazina, lived in a house at the corner of Dolores and 27th streets (still standing), where they raised four daughters. Behind the house was a barn where Emil kept the horses he needed to pull his delivery supply wagons. Emil's youngest brother, John, also sheltered his horse there.

Not long after the 1906 earthquake, Margaret's mother, Meta, arrived in America. She came over with an aunt, from a small town in northern Germany near Bremen. When she first set foot in San Francisco, Meta, who was just 16, was shocked to see the city in shambles, but she immediately landed a job as a live-in domestic with a wealthy old San Francisco family.

It was Meta's responsibility to keep everything gleaming in her employers' fashionable mansion. At the end of the day, the mistress of the house would walk around brushing a white handker-

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Margaret (née Schudel) and Mike Mickelson posed for this 1944 portrait in Florence and Leo's living room. PHOTO BY LEO HOLUB.

chief over the furniture, to make sure there was not a speck of dust remaining. There never was, though, because this young lady was (and remained) an unparalleled housekeeper!

Meta was allowed one day off per month, and on that day she visited Oscar's sister, Gazina, on Dolores Street. There she met Emil's brother John, who was also a frequent guest. At their first meeting, they sat quietly in Gazina's parlor, glancing shyly at one another. But eventually the timidity faded, and the couple developed a mutual romantic interest. On that one

precious Sunday a month, they could often be seen venturing out of the parlor and into the streets of the neighborhood.

Their destination invariably was the Nickelodeon (Noe Valley's first movie theater—on Castro Street, I believe), and following the movie, they'd stroll to a nearby soda fountain, for banana splits.

John and Meta married in 1914, and raised a family of three—John, Margaret, and Conrad—in a Victorian house at 820 Elizabeth St. (above Douglass). They shared the house with John's widowed mother, whom everyone

called "Mutter" (pronounced "Mooter").

John Schudel was a self-employed salesman for the Consumers Yeast Company. In the pre-Wonder Bread era, he was one of the many people who supplied the city with its daily bread, making yeast deliveries to bakers by horse and buggy.

On occasion, John would take daughter Margaret with him, and in a business-like manner direct her to count out the one-pound packages of yeast, as ordered by the customer. This, recollects Margaret, made her feel very important.

Quite a few of John's customers were relatives who were also running bakeries or stores. Uncle Ernst owned the Majestic Bakery on lower 24th Street. Uncle Jacob ran a small store on Sanchez between 25th and Jersey, which he opened up after he had completed his early-morning milk route (leaving full bottles of milk, and picking up the empty ones to be returned, sterilized, and refilled).

Margaret always liked to go with her father to Uncle Jacob's because he never failed to present his niece with a large ice cream cone. The outing also served Margaret's mother well, giving her time to do her countless chores without the interruption of little scampering feet.

In the days before the invention of such labor-saving devices as the washing machine, refrigerator, and vacuum cleaner, "women's work was never done," as they say. And in addition to her three lively children and the household duties, Meta had an aging mother-in-law to care for. Suffice it to say that she would not put up with too much foolishness.

For example, when it was time for Margaret to start kindergarten, which was just across the street from their house—where Noe Courts park is now—Meta met with adamant resistance from her shy little girl, who felt she was being totally abandoned. Each morning she'd walk Margaret across the street to her classroom and then return home. But before she could take off her hat and coat, her daughter would burst into the kitchen, wailing loudly.

Meta trotted Margaret back to school, but time after time, the weeping tot would run home, looking for reassurance from a mother whose patience was wearing thin. This might have gone on indefinitely, except for a secret weapon that Meta held in reserve: a thin little switch that rested within arm's reach upon the kitchen moulding. When applied, the switch inflicted no serious harm, but delivered a sharp sting. One quick, light application, and Margaret's rebellion was over.

Another time that the switch was called upon (remember, this was the era of "Spare the rod, spoil the child") was the day Meta sent Margaret and her little brother, Conrad, to buy vegetables at the market, which was near Nielsen's soda fountain and candy store, at 24th and Douglass. They were allowed to

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Florence Holub drew this illustrated memory of the Schudel homestead on Elizabeth Street, with "tantes" (aunts) Verena, Frieda, Anna, and Martha standing out front with young Jolnny Schudel.

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spend one penny each for candy, as a reward. (A penny was like a dime then, a dime like a dollar, and a dollar was a day's pay.)

With vegetables in hand, the two little shoppers entered the creamery to spend their pennies on candy. It was an extremely hot day, however, so the man behind the counter said, "I bet you would like ice cream cones." They shook their heads up and down agreeably—of course they would. But when he handed them the cones scooped high and said, "Ten cents please," Margaret began to feel uneasy.

By the time they reached home, she feared she would be in trouble, so she directed her little brother to sit on the stairs holding the cones, while she went inside to belatedly ask permission to buy ice cream on such a terribly hot day. She was well into her plea when Conrad entered the room holding a cone in each hand, melted ice cream running down his arms. She knew she was in big trouble when her mother reached for the switch (the one that didn't sting much—just enough to be remembered forever!).

Occasionally Meta had to clean and polish all the floors, so she would send the young ones to a Saturday matinee at the Palmer Theater on 24th Street.

Margaret recalls that one film she saw back then was so frightening that whenever the villain (Fu Manchu, in this case) came on the screen, she and Conrad would run squealing out into the lobby. This became an annoyance to the manager, who told them that if they disrupted the audience one more time, they would have to leave. The chastened children returned to their seats and watched the rest of the movie with their hands over their eyes.

When Margaret was about 10 years old, the house next door caught fire and quickly spread to the Schudel home. This was a terrifying experience, and so much damage was done that the children had to be

sent away to stay with a favorite aunt until their home could be repaired.

"Tante" Martha, their childless, doting aunt, and her husband, Albert Jestadt, lived on the then-unpaved upper end of 29th Street (above Diamond), before the Redevelopment Agency razed the old houses and put in new streets. At that time, it was a steep grassy incline where flowers grew and mockingbirds nested in the tall grass, filling the air with their lilting song.

The temporary stay was heavenly for the children because Tante Martha provided a daily menu of candy, cakes, and cream puffs oozing with whipped cream. How they reveled in this house of loving care and endless sweets—until both of them broke out in a miserable case of hives!

They had to be put on a healthful, low-sugar diet, but were cured of their sweet-cravings for a long time. Soon they returned to their remodeled home with its new stucco facade and a garage in front to shelter the new delivery truck that replaced the horse and buggy. When their father brought home a cake purchased at one of the bakeries on his route, his two young children complained, "What, cake again!"

Over the years, Tante Martha and Uncle Albert lavished attention upon their little relatives, often taking them to dinner at the Rathskeller in the German-American Hall, or to the park or the beach. One day they even dressed them in their Sunday best, and carted them to a downtown studio to have their picture taken!

There the photographer seated his four subjects in front of a painted backdrop depicting the "Portals of the Past," the colonnade in Golden Gate Park. The children had to hold still for a long time as he snapped several poses. Later, they were given brown proofs to choose from, which would turn dark brown, almost black, if not quickly returned to the photographer.

Margaret attended St. John's Lutheran School, an elementary school on Howard Street, and then went on to Commerce High. After graduating with secretarial training, she got a job in the Financial District, where she met my older brother, Mike Mickelson.

They married and were living in the

house on Elizabeth Street in the early 1940s, when Mike was drafted into the Army. For the remainder of World War II, Mike was assigned to a troop transport, the SS *Sea Star*, which sailed to and from the South Pacific. He was at the end of the run when his first son was born and named after his father, John C. Mickelson. (Johnny, now 48, still remembers his early years on Elizabeth Street.)

By the time Mike and Margaret's second son, Robert, came along, they had moved to the ground floor of my father's home in Sunnyside—a ravine just west of Glen Park, known at that time, disparagingly, as Pneumonia Gulch. (This was before central heating!)

In 1961, Margaret and Mike Schudel built their own modern home just across the street from my father's, where Margaret, now 73 years of age, still resides. With my father's death, her son John purchased the family home. He and his wife, Linda, are raising four children—Paul, Beth, Willie, and



"Tante" Martha and Uncle Albert Jestadt lived on the last unpaved block of 29th Street when they sat for this 1920s' portrait with their niece and nephew, Margaret and Conrad Schudel.

Joe—all graduates with honor of the Noe Valley Nursery School.

The Schudel family is no longer as visible as it once was in Noe Valley.



After John Schudel and Meta Wehrenberg were wed in 1914, they raised their three children in a Victorian at 820 Elizabeth St.

Margaret's father died in 1949 at the age of 60. Her mother lived on for another 21 years, and during those years she and her devoted daughter could be seen shopping up and down 24th Street. In 1971 Meta died, and the house was sold.

Emil, the last of the nine Schudels from Beggingen, died later that same year. By then most of the family had gone from Noe Valley, except for Emil's youngest daughter, Dorothy, who married a brilliant young lawyer, Jay Pfotenhauer, who was appointed a Superior Court judge. They built their modern home on Cumberland Street in Dolores Heights, and worked actively on neighborhood causes until illness forced them to move to a retirement community.

Dorothy and Margaret bear a striking resemblance to one another, but that is not surprising since their mothers were sisters and their fathers were brothers.

The Schudel offspring were mainly females (13 girls to 5 boys), so the name has almost disappeared with time and marriage. A few years ago, when our oldest son, Michael, was joining the Navy and we threw a party for him, Margaret was as amazed as we were to see that our son's best friend, George Haddock, was "Geordie," Uncle Jacob's grandson, his daughter Alvina's child.

Today there is only one Schudel listed in the phone book, Conrad Schudel, Margaret's younger brother. He lives south of Noe Valley with his wife, Lois, and their pretty daughter, Cheryl.

Cheryl has not yet relinquished her maiden name—and maybe she won't. But in either case, Schudel will long be remembered as a pioneering name in Noe Valley. □

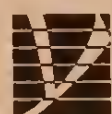


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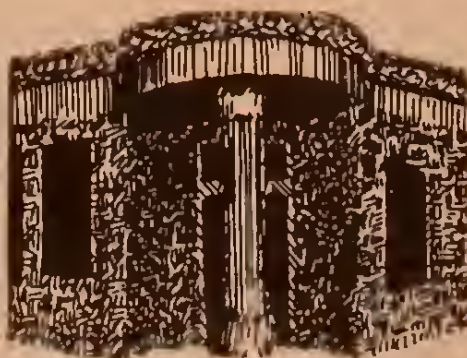
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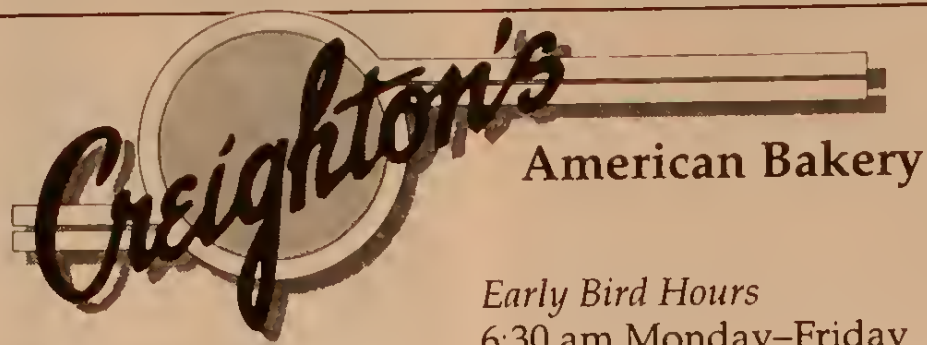
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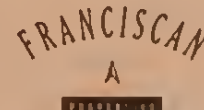
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Alioto at Demo Club

Supervisor Angela Alioto, president of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, will be the featured speaker at the March 17 meeting of the Noe Valley Democratic Club.

According to Club President Rick Hauptman, Alioto is scheduled to discuss the state of the city and to outline the neighborhood issues that are on her political agenda for 1993.

Alioto will also entertain questions and comments from the audience.

All Noe Valley residents are invited to attend the meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. For more information, call Hauptman at 647-0549.

The '40s Remembered

Everything old will soon be new again in the Noe Valley Historical Archives, a collection displayed each year at the Noe Valley Sally Brunn Library, 451 Jersey St.

To achieve this goal, organizers of an upcoming Noe Valley History Day are asking that residents loan the Archives any artifacts, posters, or photographs of Noe Valley or neighborhood residents, dating from the 1940s. The memorabilia will be exhibited at the library and featured at an open house in late April or early May, along with entertainment, food, and music and films of the era.

Paul Kantus, president of the East & West of Castro Street Improvement Club and one of the event's organizers, says, "We are looking for anything that shows the 1940s time period—a photo of a family in front of their 1941 Chevy, for example." Kantus notes that the library has locked display cases in which valuable objects can be secured.

You can drop off the items, labeled with your name and telephone number, at the library. Or for further information, contact head librarian Roberta Greifer, at 695-5095, or Paul Kantus, at 647-3753.

SHORT TAKES



MLK Remembered: Students at James Lick School celebrated Martin Luther King's birthday Jan. 15 with an assembly featuring choral readings, speeches, film clips, and a keynote address by the Rev. Calvin Jones of Providence Baptist Church. PHOTO BY ANTHONY MARGIN.

Teens Tackle Racism

Neighborhood residents are invited to share their wisdom and experiences with students at a two-day conference on race and racism, "We Can Make a World of Difference," at James Lick Middle School.

The middle school, located at 1220 Noe St., is seeking community members to present 50-minute student workshops on March 18, the first day of the event. Workshops, which will run from 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. (with a break for lunch), should be designed to stimulate discussion and generate ideas for solving racial problems.

Suggested topics include "How I Dealt with Racism in School," "Living Between Two Cultures," "Assimilation Versus Acculturation," and "Where Does Racism Come From?" Workshop leaders may also propose their own areas of focus.

The conference will culminate on the 19th with a student assembly in the morning, and a multicultural student fair from 1:30 to 3:15 p.m. in the afternoon. Noe Valley residents can assist with the fair by donating food, or by helping with art displays or music and dance performances.

According to Principal Mary Lou Mendoza Mason, the students at Lick, who are between the ages of 12 and 14, "have a great need to better understand their world and the ways in which problems can be solved. A focus on [finding] solutions to issues revolving around racism... will help bring us together."

If you are interested in helping out at the conference, please call Mendoza Mason at 695-5675.

Tips on Personal Safety

At its February meeting, the residents' group Friends of Noe Valley began organizing the neighborhood, block by block, into neighborhood watch groups.

Now at this month's meeting—to take place March 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St.—the focus will be on personal safety, a subject that has recently become a much bigger concern, given the widespread media attention to crimes such as carjackings.

The program will include a presentation by Barbara Lynn, of the non-profit group Safety Awareness for Everyone (SAFE), on common-sense tactics you can employ "in the streets, in the car, in your home, on public transportation, or in elevators."

Self-defense experts and representatives from the San Francisco Police Department will also be on hand to offer advice and demonstrate techniques.

In conjunction with this event, the Friends has arranged for Tuggey's

Hardware, on 24th near Sanchez, to offer discounts on personal safety products, such as whistles and screech alarms.

For further information, call Friends President Steve Roseman at 824-0977.

Park Hours Posted

In late January, the Recreation and Park Commission passed a resolution authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to post signs in Upper Noe Playground, Noe Courts, and Douglass Park stating that the parks are closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

While the park hours are not new, they could not be enforced unless signs were posted.

Mike Morlin, assistant superintendent for Neighborhood Parks and Squares, explains that "these signs provide police with the ability to arrest and cite people who are drinking and loitering."

The resolution was passed in response to a petition submitted by the East & West of Castro Street Improvement Club, asking that the city discourage "rowdies and noise-makers" from hanging out in the parks. Morlin says that similar signs have proven successful in the past few months in parks in the Sunset and Parkside districts.

"Police indeed have issued citations to groups of youths drinking in the park," says Morlin. "These signs are a tool that can deter that kind of activity if the police choose to enforce it that way."

Rain Forest Art

The Glen Park Creative After School Program will display its 1993 kids' art exhibit, "Save Our Rain Forest," from March 2 to 31 at Cafe ?, a coffeehouse located at 2885 Diamond St. in nearby Glen Park.

Works on display may be purchased throughout the month or at an Opening Party for the young artists, to be held March 7, 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., at the cafe. Additional artwork will also be on view in the program's classroom at Glen Park School, 161 Lippard St.

Featured works include a mural recently shown at the Museum of Children's Art in Oakland, as well as plates, cups, paintings, and drawings depicting animals and plants found in the world's tropical rain forests.

The Glen Park After School Program serves elementary-age children in the Glen Park and Noe Valley neighborhoods by providing daily instruction in drawing, painting, sculpture, music, puppetry, and drama, plus supervised play and relaxation. Students from Glen Park,

Rooftop, Douglass, and Charles Drew elementary schools currently attend.

If you'd like to know more, contact the program's director, Tess Loehwing, at 469-7928.

Vive La Difference

A French non-profit cultural exchange program is seeking Noe Valley families to host French students in their homes this summer.

The program, *Loisirs Culturels a L'Etranger* (LEC), seeks to improve international relations by bringing together people from different countries and cultures. Participants, who range in age from 13 to 20, stay with their host families for one month during July or August.

The Paris-based program does not require a host family to speak French or cover a student's personal expenses. Hosts need only provide room and board. LEC provides comprehensive accident, medical, and hospital care liability insurance, as well assistance in case of emergencies.

Jennifer Jauquet, the program's local coordinator, notes that "participants don't go to school or work [while they are here in America]. It's strictly a social and cultural visit."

For more information about the program, contact Jauquet at 648-2332.

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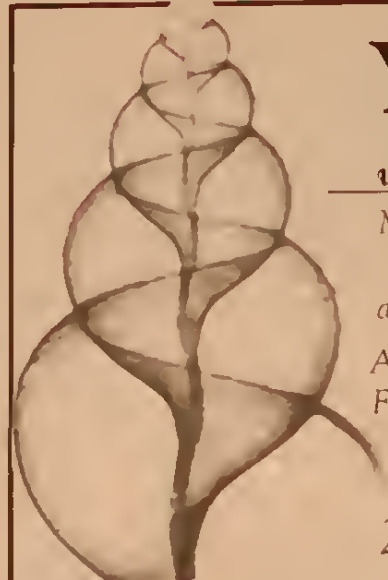
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21st Street Neighbors Just Want to Get Their Foot in the Door Of City Planning

By Joseph Camhi

Imagine that you are a resident of a home which you and your family have enjoyed for 20 years.

You have a beautiful panoramic view, a lovely deck with privacy, lots of light in both the interior and exterior of your home, and a back-yard open space enjoyed by all of the neighbors on the block.

Then along comes your neighbor with a grandiose plan to build a rear addition—one that will almost double the size of his house. The structure will be enormously out of scale with the rear-yard extension of every other house on the block, will severely limit the views of several houses on either side of it, will interfere with the privacy of the neighbors, and will cast a shadow on the home interiors, decks, and sun-loving plants in surrounding neighbors' yards—to name just a few of the negative impacts.

Now, suppose that in spite of very strong neighborhood opposition, there is a high probability that such a proposed project will be allowed to be built by the San Francisco Planning Commission, even though the potential blockbuster clearly violates the Residential Design Guidelines established in 1989 by the Department of City Planning, as well as mocks the spirit of Proposition M, passed by voters in 1986 as a means of preserving neighborhood character.

This is precisely the situation that the Neighborhood Coalition of 21st Street, a group of residents living on the block of 21st between Castro and Noe, is now facing. The above description is an actual case, scheduled for a preliminary hearing before the Planning Commission March 11.

In the hope of having some say in the



Reach Outdoors and Touch Someone: A cordless telephone allows this Diamond Street resident to feel the breeze while she shoots it. PHOTO BY ED BURYN.

modification of the plans, the coalition has asked the Planning Commission for a "discretionary review" of the project. If granted, a discretionary review will provide the only opportunity the neighbors will have to offer public testimony prior to the awarding or denial of the building permit.

However, if we are to believe the findings of an investigation of the Planning Commission by San Francisco's 1992-93 civil grand jury, our chances of getting a review of the case are slim.

In its Feb. 3 report, the grand jury stated that since the beginning of March 1992, the current Planning Commission has not granted any of the requested 65 discretionary reviews, despite the fact that the staff of the City Planning Department acknowledged that there were valid objections presented by San Francisco residents to the proposed projects.

By contrast, in 1991 under Art Agnos' administration, the commission granted 150 discretionary reviews. Astounding difference!

The grand jury goes on to say that over the past year the Planning Commission has effectively adopted "a policy that shuts off legitimate debate, a prerequisite for general consensus.... Community agreement is possible only if the public is included in the system's process."

The report concludes that "the Planning Commission is not serving the best interests of San Francisco residents by denying all requests for Discretionary Review."

The jury recommends that the Commission "should develop and disseminate appropriate policies and guidelines which inform the public of the criteria that will be used by the Commission in considering requests for Discretionary Review." It further emphasizes that "the Planning Commission should use the discretion which is its charge," and stop discouraging public participation.

And we couldn't agree more.

The Coalition of 21st Street Neighbors would like to invite the community to examine the plans and inspect the homes next to 3824 21st St., the site of the pro-

posed construction project mentioned above. We believe this is a perfect example of a project that violates the Residential Design Guidelines, but which also might be routinely approved, were there no discretionary review. That's why we have filed an application for a review, and are actively lobbying the Planning Commission to grant it.

There will be an open house at either one or both of the abutting properties on Saturday, March 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please call 826-8790 for an appointment.

The March 11 preliminary hearing on permit #9219058 will take place in the late afternoon or early evening in Room 282 of City Hall. (You can call the above number between March 8 and 11 for an update on the time.)

If you want to take a look at other developments in and around Noe Valley—projects that have either been built or are in the process of being built—which reflect insufficient monitoring by City Planning and therefore a deterioration in the quality of neighborhood character, try one of the following:

- The building at 449-451 Eureka St. overpowers its neighbors and is noteworthy for its ugliness.

- A development at 17th and Eureka streets is an example of extreme density and overcrowding.

- A project at Castro and 22nd is a clear demonstration of how to deface a hillside, and dominate all the structures surrounding it.

Meanwhile, those of you who favor a citizen's right to a fair hearing are encouraged to write your supervisors, to let them know that you would like the recommendations of the civil grand jury regarding the Planning Commission to be implemented.

We'd also appreciate it if you would send a copy of your letter to the San Francisco Planning Commission, 450 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94102. Thanks for your support. □

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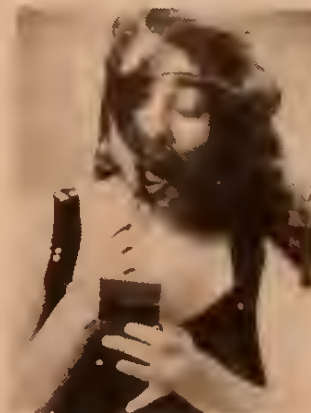
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and now for the RUMORS behind the news BY MAZOOK

Roundup at Rancho Noe

WHEN WE LEFT OFF in February, we were going to meet at 24th Street's Courtyard Cafe on Thursday, Feb. 4, to admire the restaurant's new panoramic mural painted by Eureka Valley artist Tom Schwabenlander. The invitation said the artist's reception would be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

However, when I arrived at 8:00, I was told that I was late (by a quite inhospitable Courtyard Cafe person) and that the cafe had closed at 7:30 p.m. After showing my invite and explaining that I was the "designated mural reviewer" from the *Noe Valley Voice*, I finally gained access. But I practically had to push my way onto the premises.

It's hard to believe that the Courtyard would snatch a public relations disaster from the jaws of promotional victory, but that's exactly what they did. Too bad, because the mural turned out to be great.

When you look at the painting—which surrounds you on all four walls of the dining room—you feel as though you are sitting in the courtyard of José de Jesus Noe's casa, enjoying the plush green hills of Noe Heights on a sunny spring afternoon. But you're not.

"Actually, it is supposed to be a courtyard in the French countryside," explains Tom. "In the beginning the owners asked me to paint one wall with a Parisian motif, and they liked it so much, they wanted me to expand on the idea and continue doing the other three."

Tom says he spent about 100 hours painting the scene over a period of 2½ months. "It was hard because of the limited hours available to me—basically 10 p.m. to 2 a.m."

Tom, who has lived nearby for 14 years, has shown his paintings (which run anywhere from \$250 to \$900) at the Meat Market Coffeehouse, Rami's Caffe, and What's for Dessert, among other places in the neighborhood. As you can tell from the reproduction on this page, he's also captured the pigeon's-eye view of one of our more crowded crosswalks.



Here's a refreshing perspective on the intersection of 24th and Noe by Tom Schwabenlander, the artist who recently painted a panoramic mural on the interior of the Courtyard Cafe.

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TIENT FU TIDBITS: You will also recall that last month I said that the reason Tien Fu closed down its eight-year-old restaurant on 24th Street was because the kitchen needed repair. But I wasn't sure whether the Chinese eatery would reopen.

Well, it now appears that the building's owner, Kimball Allen, intends to expand his adjoining Real Food Company into Tien Fu's space. So the restaurant (and the Tien Fu Bar that's still operating) may not be long for this world.

"I need to expand Real Food because business is doing very nicely, and we are really maxed out space-wise," says Kimball. "However, I am unclear on when this can happen, because we have to resolve a complicated lease arrangement."

The Tien Fu storefront has had many past lives. It was originally used (circa 1920) as a mortuary, and "it was an Eagles Lodge before I bought the building in 1973," says Kimball. "I turned it into a vegetarian restaurant called the Woodworks, which lasted about two years." It then became the Noe Valley Bar and Grill.

Those of you unfamiliar with the building's history should note that when the Woodworks was built, the former mortuary's stained-glass windows were preserved and spotlighted.

Let's hope the stained glass will still be shining in the halls of Real Food.

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AN END TO SHELF LIFE: Speaking of Real Food, Suzanne Wiest, a store clerk since 1986, left last month to follow a new career path. "I'm a nursing student and get my R.N. degree next year, so I am now going to be a nurse assistant at U.C.S.F. in the Cardiac Care Unit."

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Suzanne says the biggest change she's noticed in Downtown Noe Valley in her seven years of working here has been "an increase in the number of homeless who hang out on 24th Street." Sad but true.

As for the store, Suzanne agrees with Kimball that "it's much busier and more intense. The bottom line is that our produce department is beautiful and really has drawn a lot of people into the store."

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FACTS OF LIFE: The "Kids' Gym" at Upper Noe Valley Recreation Center, on Day near Sanchez, is also packing 'em in. On Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 10:30 to noon, it's bumper-to-bumper baby buggies, folks.

"I don't know where all these beautiful babies are coming from," says rec center director Chris Borg, "but we have been getting upwards of 100 kids on Saturday mornings the last couple of months."

The Kids' Gym, which occupies the center's auditorium space, has been going on since 1985, and is limited to toddlers age 1 to 3. The cost is \$2 per visit per child, but discount cards are available (11 visits for \$15).

During the first hour or so of play time, the kids work themselves into a kinetic frenzy, driving around in kiddie cars or clambering over jungle gyms, slides, and seesaws. Then, as sort of a "cooldown," former opera singer Galla Elleris, who's in her late 70s, takes her seat at the piano, the kids and parents spread out on the floor, and everybody sings "Old MacDonald had a farm" and "the eency, weency spider climbs up the water spout."

Notes Chris, "We are putting all the money we collect back into new equipment for the gym. And soon we will be building a 'ball pit' for motion sensory awareness."

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CALLING ALL JOURNALISTS: James Lick Middle School teachers Patricia Spencer, Joe Rubin, and Dennis Kujawa are looking for some professional help in producing a year-end edition of the *James Lick in Noe Valley News*.

"We want to put out a real newspaper," says Patricia, "and want to involve professional journalists who live in the neighborhood to help show these kids how it's done."

Joe Rubin says his students have already come up with a list of on-campus story ideas, including such topics as "school dances, changing school hours, students having too much work, changing the mascot of the school, school bus-ing, more organized sports, and school fashions."

The list of stories on the community beat will be forthcoming, "after the kids go out into the neighborhood and look for some neighborhood issues."

James Lick's phone number is 695-5675. The deadline was yesterday, of course, so get involved and phone now!

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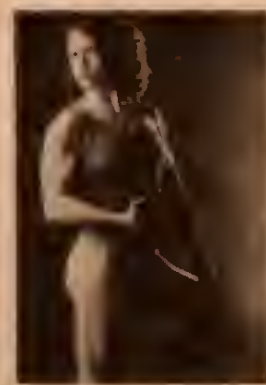
NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO did a long (about 10 minutes) news feature on Noe Valley in its Feb. 17 broadcast of "All Things Considered," airing daily at 2 p.m. on both KQED and KALW.

The neighborhood was described as one of the country's "most desirable places to live," and as a "middle-class enclave that appears untouched by hard times," while the rest of California's economy is faltering.

The report noted that on a sunny afternoon in February, everybody on 24th Street looked "athletic and relaxed," meandering around with their bagels, cappuccino, and \$500 mountain bikes.

There was even an interview with a homeless man who prefers to panhandle in Noe Valley because he feels "safer

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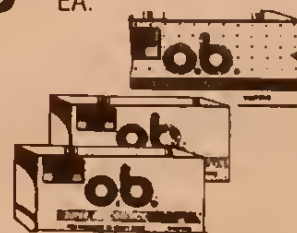
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RUMORS

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here, where people at least acknowledge you as a person" and apologize if they can't give money.

The piece did manage to find a few cracks in the Noe Valley sidewalk, such as rising concern about crime, unemployment, yuppification, and housing costs. And it quoted a long-time resident as saying he was leaving the neighborhood to find "someplace where you can park a car."

So I guess we don't have to worry about the hoards descending upon us for a replay of the Summer of Love.

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YELL FIRE around here, and hardly anybody notices.

Less than 10 people showed up for a Feb. 20 tour of Noe Valley's No. 24 Fire Station, and for the public meeting that followed concerning the fate of the 80-year-old structure.

Low turnout could possibly be attributed to the fact that DPW gave the neighbors around the firehouse, located at 100 Hoffman Ave., exactly one day's notice of the Saturday morning event. (The Voice published a story in last month's paper, however.)

In any case, it looks like the city's plan is to save and seismically upgrade the firehouse's brick facade, gut and rebuild the interior, and erect a new building to house a service unit in what is now the station's parking lot.

The renovation should start by the end of '93, and take more than three years to finish. The station, which is among the city's three oldest firehouses still in service, would close in the interim.

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TOPS OF THE POPS: Cover to Cover bookstore reports that its best-selling

non-fiction title these days is *Long Quiet Highway*, Natalie Goldberg's account of her 15-year exploration of Zen Buddhism. The shop's best-selling novel is *The Bridges of Madison County*, by Robert Waller.

In the lighter-reading department, the Good News magazine store says its fastest-moving magazine is not *The New Yorker*, *Life*, or *Time*, but rather *Auto Trader*, which features cars for sale for under \$6,000.

Over at Noe Valley Sports Cards on Church Street, the hottest trading card "is definitely Shaquille O'Neal of the Orlando Magic [basketball team], with prices starting at \$8 and going up to \$300 for the Hoops random insert card," says shop trader Herb Lilly. Shaquille is the rookie center sensation who just played in the NBA's All-Star game.

Now that baseball's spring training is upon us, Herb adds that there's also been a lot of demand for cards depicting Chicago White Sox first-baseman Frank Thomas. "If he wins the triple crown this year, prices could skyrocket."

On the music scene, Aquarius Records lists Dutch rock singer Bettie Serveert's new release as their top pop.

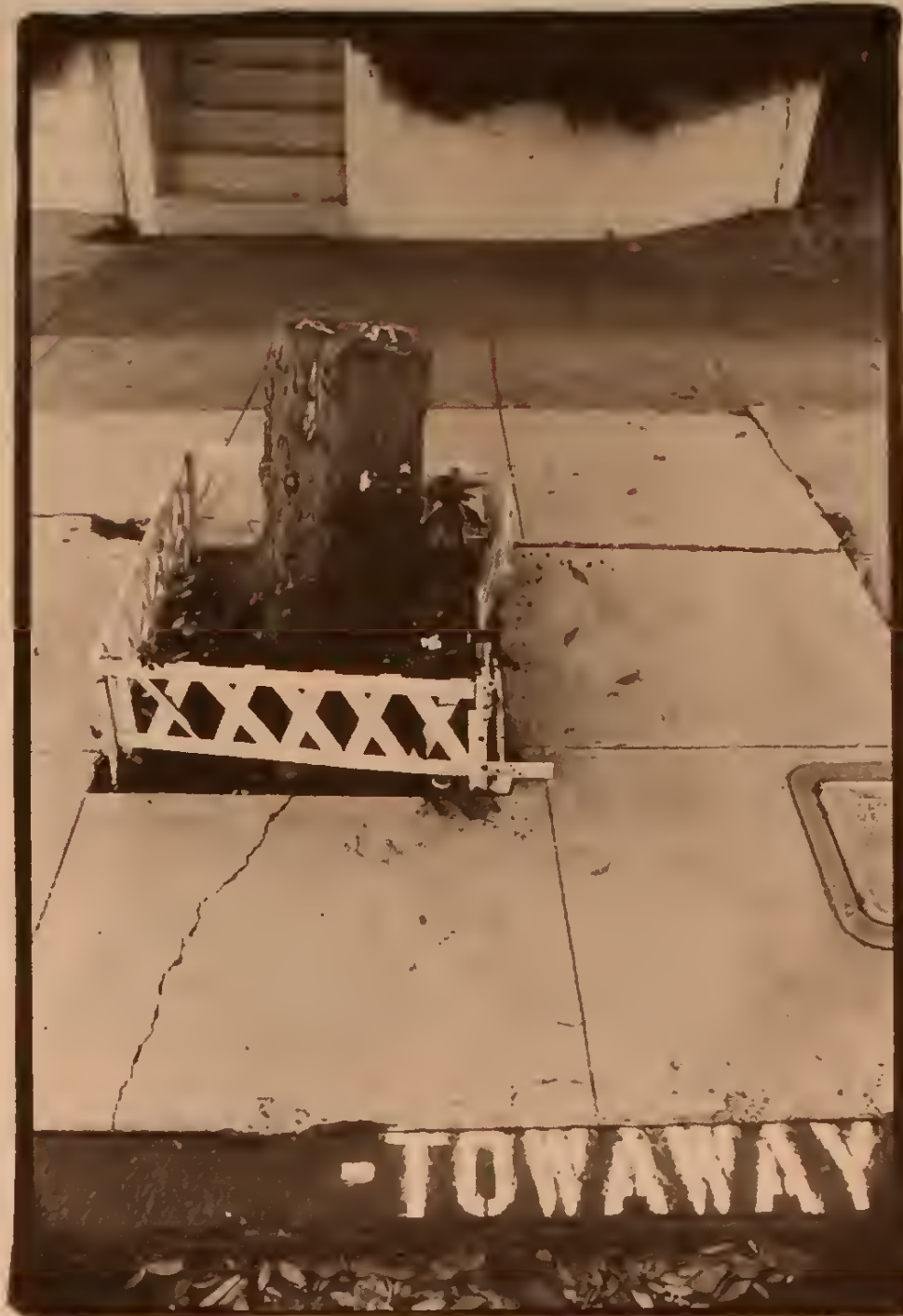
At nearby Streetlight Records, Elvis Costello and the Brodsky (string) Quartet are topping the charts with *The Juliet Letter*.

Meanwhile, 28th Street resident Dana Atherton, a jazz pianist and prolific composer, recently released his debut album/CD, *Open Blinds*. It's getting airplay on KJAZ, and is also available at Streetlight.

Dana has graciously brought his trio to entertain us at the Noe Valley Neighborhood Party for the past two years, and he hopes to do so again this year. He wants everybody to come out to Dublin (Calif., of course) on March 18, where he will be appearing at the Lion's Brewery. But if that's too far to go, there will be upcoming dates at the Paradise Lounge in the city.

Well, that's 30. E-I-E-I-O. □

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Jackson Lee Morgan

Weighing in at a respectable 7 pounds, 8 ounces, Jackson Lee Morgan was born at home at 12 noon on Nov. 18, 1991.

It was the second home birth for Paul Morgan and Barbara Ellis. Their daughter, Pearl, was born at home three years earlier, after a 12-hour labor. Jackson arrived in an even speedier six hours, and, say his happy parents, the birth was a delightful experience.

Barbara remembers Paul being like the Rock of Gibraltar during the event. "He caught Jackson and cut the cord."

Barbara, 37, and Paul, 32, own Peek-A-Bootique resale baby clothing store on 24th Street near Castro, which they bought



Paul Morgan and Barbara Ellis show off daughter Pearl and baby Jackson, both born at home on Noe Street. PHOTO BY BEVERLY THARP

after Pearl's birth. "We purchased the store so we could share in work responsibilities and have more family time together," says Barbara. "It was such a joy we decided to have Jackson."

The couple met 10 years ago, when Barbara, then a filmmaker, was doing a documentary on hike messengers, and Paul was one of the featured messengers. They got married in 1988, and both their

children were born on Noe Street before they moved to Glen Park seven months ago.

Both busy parents agree that two kids are more fun than one, but also that there's little time for oneself or for getting out alone as a couple. However, notes Barbara, "That's part of parenting. And for some reason, second-time parents always forget that the first child didn't sleep for the first six months, and neither does the second one."

Paul says he looks forward to the day when he can watch the evening news and eat dinner at a regular time again, instead of running around the house with the rest of the gang, munching on carrot sticks at

odd hours.

According to his totally unbiased parents, Jackson is a very tranquil, sweet-natured little boy, although lately he's been rather loudly asserting his independence.

"He's on the verge of walking," says Paul. "I suspect when he gets the steps down, he will assert his independence physically rather than vocally."

"It's humbling to watch your child's development. The rapid changes are incredible," adds Barbara. "We had forgotten all this. With Jackson we are able to relive the entire experience."

Paul notes that with fatherhood have come some remarkable changes in his goals and philosophies. "Having children has made me into an adult. Yes, both Barbara and I worry about the future—who doesn't? But I like being a dad, and I would tell anyone contemplating parenthood to do it, don't worry about it, and don't follow everyone's good advice."

Both Barbara and Paul feel that children are amazing and that the experience of parenting has brought them closer together. As for Jackson, he continues to be gregarious and cautiously adventurous, copying his sister Pearl and learning from her.

"The other day Pearl took Jackson by the hand, and the two walked together," Barbara recalled. "This is the most wonderful thing about our family situation—Pearl has a sibling and Jackson a sister. They seem to really love one another. What more could Paul or I ask for?" □

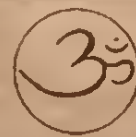
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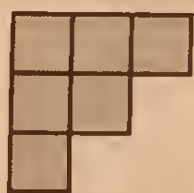


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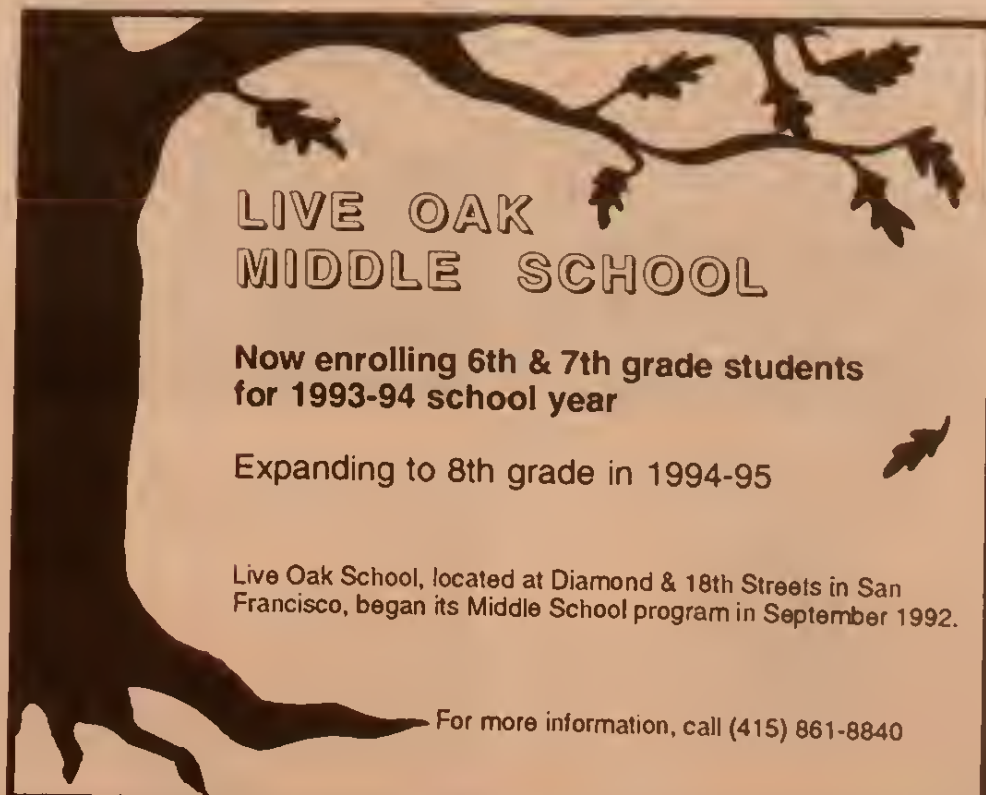
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A longtime resident of Noe Valley, Nicky met her Irish husband in the Dubliner bar, over a brew and good conversation. The two hit it off immediately, were married two years ago, and moved into their current 27th Street home.

Nicky, 27, who works as an assistant underwriter for Aviation Insurance Company, and Bill, a 29-year-old painting contractor who specializes in Noe Valley Victorians, couldn't be more pleased with their new role as parents.

"Ryan has added so much to my life," says Nicky. "Before his birth I went out a lot and partied. Being a mother has taught me that there is more to life than Friday and Saturday nights. In fact, I don't miss my old lifestyle at all, and look forward to having more children."

Bill agrees that family life has become paramount, but he's an old hand at that. "I come from a large Irish family," he



Young Ryan has made family life the new focus for Bill and Nicole McKeever.

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explains. "With nine children, family orientation was a way of life. Having Ryan has just strengthened that family bond."

Ryan is a towheaded little boy who, according to Nicky, is not exactly the spittin' image of his parents. "He's his own little guy," she says. "with a hearty laugh and a love for mimicking his dad." He spends a lot of time laughing, in fact.

"He's in such good form in the morning,"

notes Bill. "There is always a laugh and a smile for me. He's a great companion."

Ryan recently discovered the joys of kicking up his heels to music. But when he's not dancing, he's busy coaxing his dad to give him a ride in his truck.

"He loves going for a spin in my truck," says Bill. "We take Clude, our dog, and the three of us drive around Noe Valley."

For Nicky, just hanging out with Ryan and observing his continual changes of expression and leaps in vocabulary is exciting. "He converses with me in his own special way."

The only major adjustment in the McKeever household has been learning to sleep in shifts. "We weren't married very long before we had Ryan, so we didn't experience a major lifestyle change," remarks Bill. "What has changed is our sleep pattern. No more sleeping in together on weekends. We alternate: I get up with Ryan and Nicky sleeps, then it's her turn."

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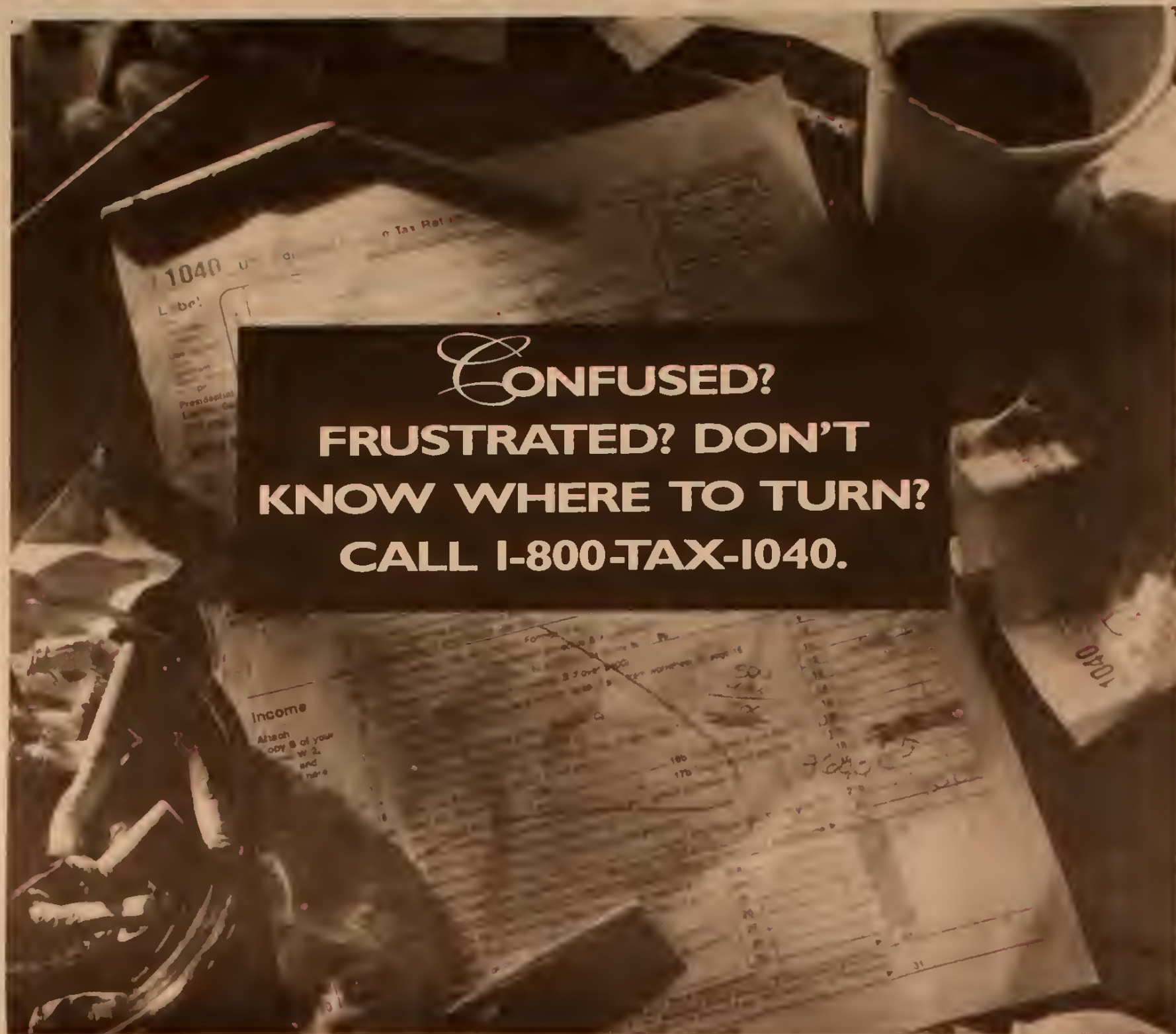
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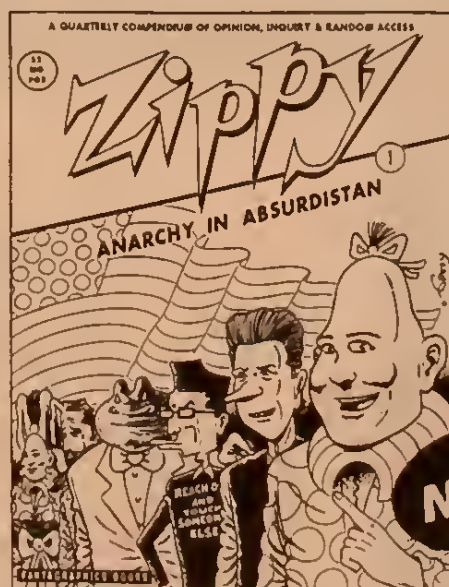
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MARCH 2, 16, 23 & 30: The Noe Valley Library's preschool STORY TIME is an ongoing event Tuesdays at 10 am. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

MARCH 2-27: Galeria de la Raza presents a mixed-media art EXHIBIT on the theme of food in culture. Tues.-Sat., noon-6 pm. 2857 24th St. 826-8009.

MARCH 2-31: A Glen Park Alter School Program ART EXHIBIT features a mural, pottery, and paintings depicting the life of the tropical rain forest. Opening party March 7, 5:30-7:15 pm. Cale 7, 2885 Diamond St. 469-7928

MARCH 2-31: "Artist/electrician" Mark Strube exhibits paintings and MIXED MEDIA at What's for Dessert, 1497 Church St. 550-7465



On March 12, Ultra Man will join other Japanese sci-fi TV superheroes at the Noe Valley Movies shown at the Noe Valley Ministry

MARCH 6: Alvarado School offers secondhand treasures at a RUMMAGE SALE and silent auction. 10 am-4 pm. 625 Oouglass St. 695-5695.

MARCH 8: The Diamond SENIOR CENTER holds its monthly birthday party and dance. Noon-3 pm. 117 Diamond St. 863-3507.

MARCH 9: FILMS for preschoolers screen at 10 and 11 am; for children 6 and up at 3:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

MARCH 11: Environmental historian Gray Brechin's SLIDE SHOW highlights the contributions of gay and lesbian architects, artists, and patrons in the Bay Area. 7:30 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St. 282-9246.

MARCH 11: The monthly meeting of the FRIENOS of Noe Valley features a discussion of personal safety and self-defense. 7:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St. 863-5563.

MARCH 11: Photographer Laurie Edison and writer Debbie Notkin celebrate their 800K in progress, "Women En Large," with slides, conversation, and song. 8 pm. Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia St. 821-4675.

MARCH 12: Noe Valley MOVIES presents "Japanavision Nite II," an ogling of great moments in Japanese sci-fi television. 8 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317.

MARCH 13: The AIDS Dance-a-thon benefits Bay Area AIDS organizations. 6 pm-midnight. Ft. Mason. Call 392-9255 for preregistration and sponsor form.

MARCH 13: Clarinet Thing founder 8ETH CUSTER performs new compositions, and violinist Kaita Flexer and her group, Third Ear, play klezmer originals, Bulgarian dance music, and Bartok arrangements. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Music, 1021 Sanchez St. 647-2272.

MARCH 14: P-FLAG, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, features a talk by Neil Kaminsky on homophobic messages in our society. 2-4 pm. St. Francis Church, 152 Church St. 921-8850.

MARCH 14-APRIL 18: The Freedom Socialist Party offers a six-week class, "The Logic of MARXISM." Sun., 11 am-1 pm. 523A Valencia St. 864-1278.

MARCH 7: The Society of Gay and Lesbian Composers presents original CHAMBER MUSIC. 7 pm. Community Music Center, 544 Capp St. 647-6015.

MARCH 16: The S.F. Green Party sponsors a FEMINIST POLITICS and spirituality workshop. 7-10 pm. New College, 777 Valencia St. 255-2940.

MARCH 17: The Noe Valley Democratic Club welcomes ANGELA ALIOTO, president of the Board of Supervisors, to its regular meeting. 7 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 647-0549.

MARCH 18: The "In a Dog's Ear" POETRY/MUSIC program features beat patriarch Jack Micheline and hepca! dixielander Tom Keats. 8 pm. Oog Eared Books, 1173 Valencia St. 282-1901.

MARCH 18: Darien Taylor, co-editor of *Positive Women: Voices of Women Living with AIDS*, reads from this international ANTHOLOGY. 8 pm. Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia St. 821-4675.

MARCH 18 & 19: James Lick School sponsors a student conference on RACISM, including a day of workshops (March 18) and a multicultural fair (March 19, 1:30-3:15 pm). 1220 Noe St. 695-5675.

MARCH 19-21: "Weaving the Cloth of Resistance: Third Biennial Gathering of Women Organizers," takes place at New College, 766 Valencia St. Call 510-533-7583 to register.

MARCH 20: Make tops and SPIN-AMAGIGS at Hilary Barber's Randall Museum workshop. 12:30 pm. 199 Museum Way. 554-9600.

MARCH 20: Jazz vocalist/guitarist CLAUOIA GOMEZ performs folk and contemporary songs of Brazil, Cuba, and Colombia. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Music, 1021 Sanchez St. 647-2272.

MARCH 20 & 21: The California Genealogical Society's FAMILY HISTORY FAIR offers tips on finding your ancestry, including a class in "Dusting Off the Family Skeleton." Sat., 10 am-6 pm; Sun., 9 am-4 pm. Concourse Exhibition Center, 8th & Brannan. 474-2868.

MARCH 21: The Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC Series celebrates Bach's birthday with cellist Jennifer Culp and pianist Betty Woo in concert. 2 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317.

MARCH 22: The Community Music Center presents SPANISH GUITARIST David Russell in "concert with conversation." 5:30 pm. 544 Capp St. 647-6015.

MARCH 22: S.F. Community College's free eight-week COURSE on "Growing Up Gay and Lesbian in a Dysfunctional Family" begins at Everett Middle School. 6:30 pm. 450 Church St. 585-5212.

MARCH 23: Issues of sexual dependency are addressed in the free eight-week COURSE "Sex and Love Addiction in Relationships." 6:30 pm. Everett School, 450 Church St. 585-5150.

MARCH 23: The S.F. GREENS continue their Greentalks speaker series with a report on a conference held last October in Crete. 7-9:30 pm. New College, 777 Valencia St. 255-2940.

MARCH 25: Bring your baby (newborn to crawling) to an introduction to INFANT MASSAGE, especially for dads. 9:30-11 am. Natural Resources, 4081 24th St. 550-2611.

MARCH 25: This month's UPPER NOE Neighbors' meeting focuses on a crime report, Upper Noe Rec Center improvements, and fundraising for the Noe Valley Ministry. 7 pm. Upper Noe Recreation Center, Oay & Sanchez. 824-1062.

MARCH 26: The contributors to *Carjacking on the Gratiiti Road: Poetry, Performance, Testimony from the Streets*, will include STUODENTS from the School of the Arts and George Washington High School. 7:30 pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St. 282-9246.



Clubfoot Orchestra's reedperson Beth Custer makes unusual music at the Noe Valley Ministry on March 13. PHOTO BY ANNE HAMERSKY.

MARCH 26 & 27: The women's chorus KITKA performs melodies from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Croatia, and Ukraine. 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Music Series, 1021 Sanchez St. 647-2272.

MARCH 27: Psychic Horizons offers its monthly PSYCHIC HEALING FAIR from 2-4 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 346-7906.

MARCH 27: St. Paul's Church hosts the Baroque Arts Ensemble, performing a CDNCERT of music by J.S. Bach. 8 pm. Church & Valley. 663-9650.

MARCH 28: The Mandel Quartet performs HUNGARIAN MUSIC on authentic instruments. 2 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. 282-2317.

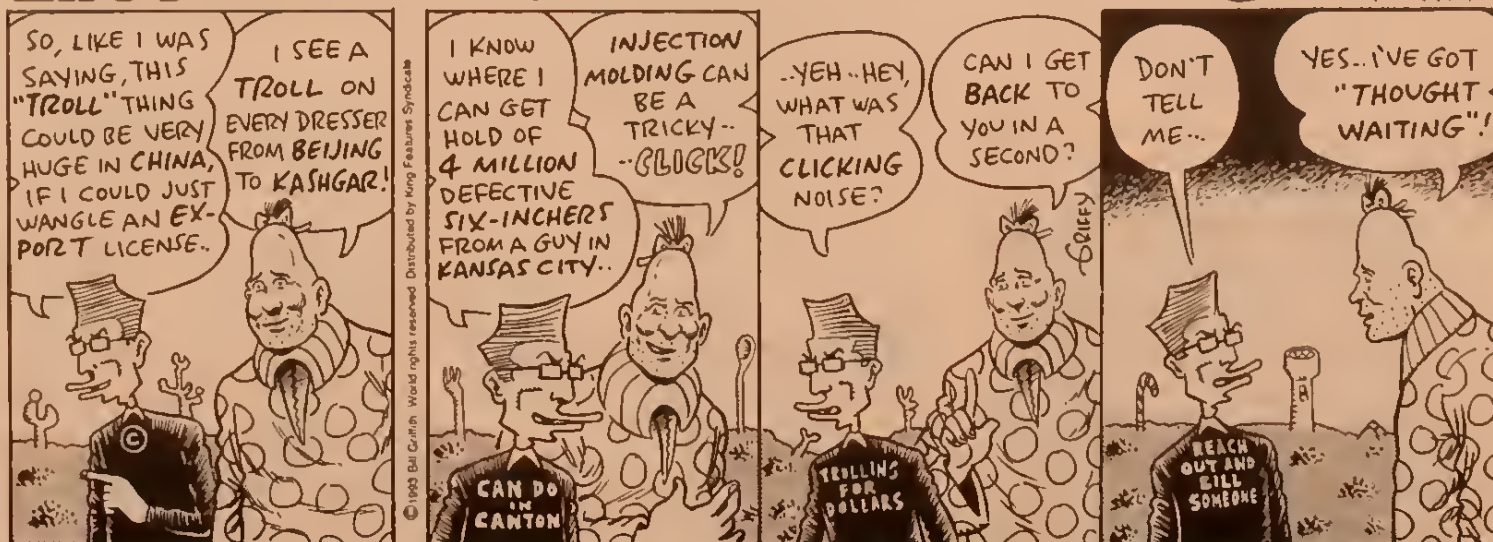
MARCH 30: Poets Judy Stedman, Geri Ogiorno, Jane Burda, and Nancy Keane celebrate the first anniversary of POETRY READINGS at the 3300 Club. 7 pm. 3300 Mission St. 826-6886.

MARCH 31: The Noe Valley Library offers a free screening of Louis Malle's FILM *Calcutta* at 7 pm. 451 Jersey St. 695-5095.

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The Scoop on CALENDAR

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